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Ascendance and Airbus Partner to Accelerate Aviation Decarbonization with Hybrid-Electric Technology

A Strategic Alliance for the Next Generation of Hybrid-Electric Propulsion

Toulouse, June 12, 2025 – [Ascendance](#), a pioneer in hybrid-electric solutions for aviation since 2018, and [Airbus](#), the world's leading aerospace company, have announced a strategic partnership to jointly explore innovative hybrid-electric technologies. This collaboration reflects a shared commitment to delivering practical, low-carbon propulsion solutions and advancing the decarbonization of the aviation sector.

Combining Industrial Scale and Deep Tech Agility

Through this partnership, Ascendance brings its expertise in designing modular, certifiable hybrid-electric systems, while Airbus contributes its industrial scale and global experience as a leader in aviation transformation. **By combining the strengths of an established aircraft manufacturer with a fast-moving technology innovator, the partnership aims to develop hybrid-electric systems that reduce aviation emissions** and meet the industry's rigorous certification standards.

"This partnership with Airbus validates our vision: delivering practical, realistic technology that meets the demands of modern aviation. It marks a new milestone in our commitment to making cleaner, more accessible air travel a reality," **said Jean-Christophe Lambert, CEO and co-founder of Ascendance.**

"Ascendance embodies an innovative and pragmatic approach. Their ability to turn disruptive concepts into certifiable, real-world solutions is a real asset for accelerating aviation's energy transition. This partnership aligns with our decarbonization roadmap and reflects our ambition to invent the future of flight," **said Karim Mokaddem, Head of Aircraft of Tomorrow Technologies at Airbus.**

About Ascendance

Founded in 2018, Ascendance is a pioneering aviation company focused on decarbonization. The company develops two complementary solutions for low-carbon air mobility: ATEA and the STERNA Hybrid Pack.

ATEA is a hybrid-electric VTOL aircraft designed as a cleaner alternative to light helicopters for regional air transport, including passenger, cargo, medical, and security operations.

It is powered by the STERNA Hybrid Pack, a high-performance hybrid-electric propulsion system that combines extended range with significant emission reductions.

Based in Toulouse — the European capital of aerospace — and supported by Bpifrance, France 2030, and the Occitanie Region, Ascendance targets both civil and defense markets to accelerate the shift toward sustainable aviation.

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