

PRESS RELEASE

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NL EASP AIR FOR 4TH TIME AWARDED BY FRONTEX EU BORDER AND COAST GUARD

For the 4th time, NL EASP AIR (easpair.aero) has been awarded with a multi-year, long-range maritime surveillance Framework contract, issued by the European Commission/EU FRONTEX Border and Coast Guard.

Only 3 EU service providers have been selected in this contract, which has a value of 112 million euros.

An additional mid-range tender part of 50 million euros is currently still being processed.

“Since 2016, NL EASP AIR has now been awarded for the 4th time for this series of Framework Contracts. Only ESAO (Malta / ex-DEA) and NL EASP AIR achieved this milestone, and we congratulate our colleagues on this achievement. We are very grateful for the trust that FRONTEX has shown in my team,” says Pieter Voeten, founder and CEO of NL EASP AIR.

For this contract, NL EASP AIR will deploy 3x DO328-100 TurboProp Maritime Patrol Aircraft. All equipped with maritime surveillance sensors, RADAR and double SatCom systems. For search and rescue (SAR) duties, each DO328 Maritime Patrol Aircraft is equipped with 3x air-droppable 17-PAX life rafts. The size and pay load of each MPA offers FRONTEX the opportunity to embed several observers from Member States and FRONTEX, to participate in surveillance and SAR missions.

In addition to the current fleet of DO328 MPAs, NL EASP AIR will increase the capacity of its Special Mission Aircraft fleet (ISR, passengers and cargo) in collaboration with its American partner Berry Aviation (TX).

