

Switzerland selects Thales for national airspace surveillance and protection

- To enable the Swiss Air Force to protect national airspace, territory and populations, Thales's SkyView system has been selected.
- The selection follows an international tender process comprising a thorough evaluation of competing products, and extensive testing carried out in Switzerland.
- Switzerland joins France and other NATO countries in introducing new digital architectures for its air command and control system capabilities.



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SkyView has been selected by the Swiss Federal Office for Defence Procurement (armasuisse) to upgrade the country's FLORAKO air surveillance system, which provides 24/7 surveillance and protection of national airspace, territory and populations.

SkyView correlates civil and military data in real time, providing a better overall picture of national airspace and allowing faster decisions to be made. It also enables operators to conduct air policing operations and detect and respond to all types of airborne threats.

SkyView is the culmination of 50 years of experience in air operations and has been deployed at over 80 command and control centres in more than 30 countries. It processes data from over 600 radars and interconnects with external systems via more than 60 types of interfaces. The product is co-developed with users according to a roadmap that reflects their exact requirements.

“I would like to thank armasuisse for its continued trust in us for a project that is vital to Switzerland's national sovereignty. SkyView 4.0 is an all-digital system incorporating the latest Big Data and artificial intelligence technologies, and will provide the Swiss Air Force with a highly capable solution for airspace surveillance and air command and control.”

Thomas Got, Thales Vice President in charge of Air Operations and Weapon Systems

About Thales

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Thales is investing in particular in digital innovations — connectivity, Big Data, artificial intelligence and cybersecurity — technologies that support businesses, organisations and governments in their decisive moments

About Thales in Switzerland

As a strategic and trusted partner of Switzerland for more than 80 years, Thales has become a leader in the integration of high-tech solutions and services for the country's security. Today, the Group employs more than 500 people in Switzerland, mainly in the fields of defence, rail signalling, digital identity such as passports and identity cards and bank cards, and in the aerospace sector.

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