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Challenges for aerospace and defense industries in the post – Covid era

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European Defense and Aerospace Industry

890 000 highly skilled employees

260 B€ of turnover (68% aeronautics)

109 B€ of export (73% aeronautics)

R&D 18 B€

Polish Aerospace Industry





2003		2021
Members	18	170
Employees	9 000	32 000
Sales	0,2 mld \$	3 mld \$



Covid negative impact on industry

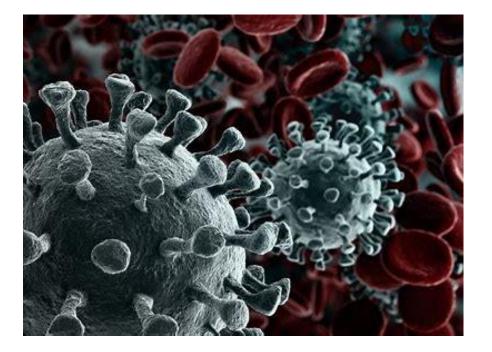


Production demand reduction 40%

Manpower reduction / 2000 jobs in Poland

Anti-pandemic actions

Big and long term impact on education



Major post-Covid challenges



- 1. Industry 4.0 and digitization
- 2. Climate and zero emission
- 3. Supply chain challenges
- 4. Office of the future
- 5. Talents availability and future skills
- 6. Attractiveness of the industry

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Industry 4.0 and digitalization



Digital factory know how / skills capital expenditure

Impact on low cost countries



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Climate and zero emission



Understand and address requirements

- Manufacturing and technology
- "Green product"

Investment and cost / government support



Office of the future



Flexible work environment v/s manufacturing reality

Expectations of new generations

Impact of remote work on employees digital mobility



Supply chain transformation



Energy and commodities shock / prices and availability

Logistics challenges

Supply chain transformation



Talents availability and future skills



Digitization and "green" technologies / new hard skills

Soft skills / creativity, adaptability, active learning, culture awareness...

Readiness of the education system for continues adaptation

Talent Driven Organisations / strong and more complex competition for talents

Ability of the industry to offer a new "Employee Value Proposition"



Attractiveness of the industry



Perception has changed

- "old fashion" industry / technology sectors "a la mode"
- difficult studies / mathematics, thermodynamics, aerodynamics, mechanics, stress analysis...
- rigid "factory" work environment
- "non-green" reputation

Industry has to come up with a positive narrative









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Thank you for your attention!

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