

Press release

Sopra Steria and the CEA take the first step towards a strategic alliance in the fields of Defence, Security and High Technology

- Sopra Steria and the CEA are strengthening their collaboration and combining their expertise in a strategic alliance;
- The first step in this alliance was taken at Eurosatory with the signing of a letter of intent;
- This alliance will initially cover defence, then space and nuclear energy.

Paris, June 21, 2024 - Sopra Steria, a major player in the European tech sector, and the CEA, a major player in technological research and innovation, have announced their intention to form a strategic alliance in the defence and security sector.

Building on their long-standing relationships of trust and collaboration, notably via CS Group, a subsidiary of Sopra Steria, in the fields of nuclear power, defence and high-performance computing, the two partners have decided to sign a letter of intent, a first step towards a strategic partnership, at Eurosatory 2024.

By combining their strengths, skills and complementary technological expertise, Sopra Steria and the CEA intend to jointly develop innovative and competitive solutions with high added value in advanced systems with a strong digital component.

Technologies covered include advanced electronics, application software, artificial intelligence, secure and trusted cloud computing, combat cloud, detection, secure communications, and instrumentation. In addition, areas such as digital engineering, safety, command and control (C2) systems, post-quantum cryptography and cybersecurity may also be addressed. This approach will initially cover the defence and security sector, and should subsequently be extended to other areas, including space, aeronautics and nuclear energy.

Benoît Chatelain, Defence Global Account Manager for the Sopra Steria Group, commented: "This strategic alliance with the CEA represents a tremendous opportunity for Sopra Steria to strengthen its technological leadership and its presence in strategic markets, such as defence and security, thanks to cutting-edge solutions. By combining our respective strengths, we will be able to offer our public and private customers the best digital solutions on the market".

Maria Faury, Director of Partnership Strategy at the CEA, added: "We are delighted to seal this major partnership with Sopra Steria. By combining our technological, scientific and industrial strengths, we have a powerful lever for developing innovative breakthrough solutions for defence and security".

The two companies plan to draw up a detailed work plan to implement this strategic alliance, which promises great synergies and major growth opportunities.

About Sopra Steria

Steria Sopra Steria, a major Tech player in Europe with 56,000 employees in nearly 30 countries, is recognised for its consulting, digital services and software development. It helps its clients drive their digital transformation and obtain tangible and sustainable benefits. The Group provides end-to-end solutions to make large companies and organisations more competitive by combining in-depth knowledge of a wide range of business sectors and innovative technologies with a fully collaborative approach. Sopra Steria places people at the heart of everything it does and is committed to putting digital to work for its clients in order to build a positive future for all. In 2023, the Group generated revenues of €5.8 billion.

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About CEA

The CEA is a major research organisation working in the best interests of the French State, its economy and citizens. Thanks to its strong roots in fundamental research, it is able to provide tangible solutions to meet their needs in four key fields: low-carbon energy, digital technologies, technologies for medicine of the future, defence and national security.

As the world's leading innovator among public research organisations (Clarivate 2024), the CEA acts as a catalyst and accelerator of innovation for French industry. It helps businesses in all sectors be more competitive, creating high-performance products that stand out from the crowd and developing trail-blazing solutions that lead to changes in society. The CEA deploys this dynamic in all regions of France aiding local partners to innovate themselves, thus helping to create sustainable value and jobs nationwide, tailored to meet actual industry needs. At the same time, it supports the development of its 250 start-ups, agile vectors for transferring the disruptive technology and knowledge developed at CEA laboratories to industry. <https://www.cea.fr/english>

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