

Assystem Technologies and ESI Join Forces to Deliver Solutions for the “Factory of the Future”

Supporting SMEs with customized innovations to help them face global competition

Who? [ESI Group](#) is a leading innovator in [Virtual Prototyping](#) software and services for manufacturing industries. Specialist in material physics, ESI has developed a unique proficiency in helping industrial manufacturers replace physical prototypes with virtual prototypes, allowing them to virtually manufacture, assemble, test and pre-certify their future products.

[Assystem Technologies](#), specialized in product engineering and post-development services, has expertise dedicated to the industry, in particular in aerospace, automotive, defense and transportation. The company provides major manufacturers with engineering services and outsourced R&D.

What? At the “Factory of the Future” event, taking place on October 12th in Toulouse, France, ESI and Assystem Technologies joined their expertise to speed up the transformation of companies and help them dive into the Industry 4.0. Patrick Longuet, Vice President of Aerospace at Assystem Technologies, and Eric Daubourg, COO/General Manager at ESI France, have signed during the event, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). This agreement is the pinnacle of the joint work conducted by both organizations during an 18-month period, dedicated to promoting the Factory of the Future for the benefit of industrial companies.

Image: Yesterday in Toulouse, France, Eric Daubourg, COO/General Manager at ESI France (left) and Patrick Longuet, Vice President of Aerospace at Assystem Technologies (right), have signed an agreement to promote the Factory of the Future to SMEs.





By signing this agreement, ESI Group and Assystem Technologies ally their forces and know-how to bring to SMEs (small and medium-sized enterprises) the ability to join in on the Industry 4.0 transformation, which involves as of yet large industrial groups. For SMEs, the implementation of Industry 4.0 solutions and technologies needs to be smarter and enable further agility, greater flexibility, and more competitiveness. The Factory of the Future involves the successful integration of technology into the customer's business line. This integration enables genuine gains in productivity, competitiveness and performance, and also brings new business models.

This new challenging partnership between both companies aims at:

- Promoting the use of digital tools for the design and simulation of manufacturing facilities and production processes;
- Creating a combined offer dedicated to SMEs.

For Assystem Technologies, this new Memorandum of Understanding with ESI complements their agreement signed last June with Schneider Electric on data-driven production, during the Paris Air Show. ESI, a long-time partner of the main OEMs in the Aeronautics sector under the "*Usine Aéronautique du Futur*" program ("Aeronautics Factory of the Future"), is proud of this new agreement with one of the leading engineering companies. It marks the software company's commitment to accompanying its Smart Virtual Prototyping solutions with the change management necessary to support the ongoing digital transformation of the Industry.

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About ESI Group

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