

OCCAR

The **Organisation Conjointe de Coopération en matière d'ARmement** was established by an Administrative Arrangement on 12th November 1996 by the Defence Ministers of France, Germany, Italy and the UK. Its aim is to provide more effective and efficient arrangements for the management of certain existing and future collaborative armament programmes.

The Defence Ministers of the four founding Nations went on to sign a Treaty, the „OCCAR Convention“, which was subsequently ratified and came into force on the 28th January 2001. The Convention gives OCCAR its legal status, allowing it to place and manage contracts, and to employ its own staff. Belgium and Spain joined OCCAR, respectively in 2003 and 2005. Finland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland, Sweden and Turkey are actually participating in one or more programmes, without being members of the organisation.

OCCAR-EA aims at becoming a centre of excellence in its business domain. This vision is underpinned by the implementation of a comprehensive management framework, comprising a Quality Management System, which attained ISO 9001:2000 certification in July 2005.



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OCCAR – at a glance



Organisation Conjointe de Coopération en matière d'ARmement



Mission Statement

Our mission

To facilitate and manage collaborative European Armament Programmes and Technology Demonstrator Programmes through their life cycle to the satisfaction of our customers.

Our vision

To be a centre of excellence, and first choice in Europe, for collaborative defence equipment programmes on a Through Life Management basis.

Our values

- Belief in Europe's future
- Professionalism, teamwork, positive attitude towards change
- Cultural diversity
- Integrity

History

- 1993 Franco-German Declaration
- 1995 Principles of Baden-Baden
- 1996 Franco-German precursor team
 - UK and Italy join precursor team
 - [Administrative Arrangement](#)
- 1997 Early staffing of Central Office
- 1998 [Signature of the OCCAR Convention](#)
- 2001 [OCCAR Legal Status](#)
- 2003 Accession of Belgium
- 2004 Re-organisation of Central Office
- 2005 Accession of Spain

Programme Portfolio

A400M

... is a tactical and strategic airlifter meeting the demands of efficient, all-terrain transport of modern military operations.



BOXER

... is an all-terrain armoured vehicle based on the concept of a drive module and an exchangeable mission module.



COBRA

... is the world's most advanced weapon locating system.



ESSOR

... is a Programme that provides the basis for development and production of Secure Software Defined Radio products in Europe to be fielded within the timeframe (2010-2015).



FREMM

... multi-role frigates programme is the most ambitious and innovative European naval defence project.



FSAF

... is a family of surface-to-air missile systems, meeting the demands of naval or army air defence operations.



MUSIS

... Federating Activities objective is to bring together and interoperate Earth observation satellite constellations put in place by the participating states.



TIGER

... is a new generation of helicopters designed to handle a wide range of missions.



Organisation

OCCAR consists of the Board of Supervisors (BoS), and the Executive Administration (OCCAR-EA).

The following committees assist the BoS in specific areas:

- Future Tasks and Policy Committee
- Finance Committee
- Security Committee
- Programme Committees (one for each programme)
- In Service Support Committee

OCCAR-EA comprises the Programme Divisions and the Central Office. There is a Programme Division for each programme. The programmes are managed by the Participating States on an equal footing.

The Central Office provides all corporate and support functions:

- Business Development, Strategy, Planning & Reporting Office
- Human Resources Division
- Finance Division
- Programme Management Support Division
- Corporate Support Division

The OCCAR-EA premises are located in France (Paris and Toulouse), Germany (Bonn) and Italy (Rome).

Corporate Governance



Business processes are structured through an integrated approach comprising Strategic Management (Balanced Scorecard), Quality Management (ISO 9001:2008) and Risk Management.