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AED Cluster Portugal (AED) is the Portuguese Cluster for the Aeronautics, Space and Defence Industries and was created in 2016, as a private non-for-profit organization. In 2017, we received the label of “Strategic National Competitiveness Cluster” for Aeronautics, Space and Defence from the Portuguese Government. The Cluster gathers the main stakeholders from the three sectors, being able to act as an entry point and a one-stop-shop in Portugal, for all national and international players.

AED Cluster Portugal strategic objectives lie within four main building blocks - Funding and Regulatory; People and Competences; Innovation and Value; Markets and Opportunities -, with a **clear mission to promote the advancement and consolidation of Portugal as an international reference on the Aeronautics, Space and Defence global industries.**



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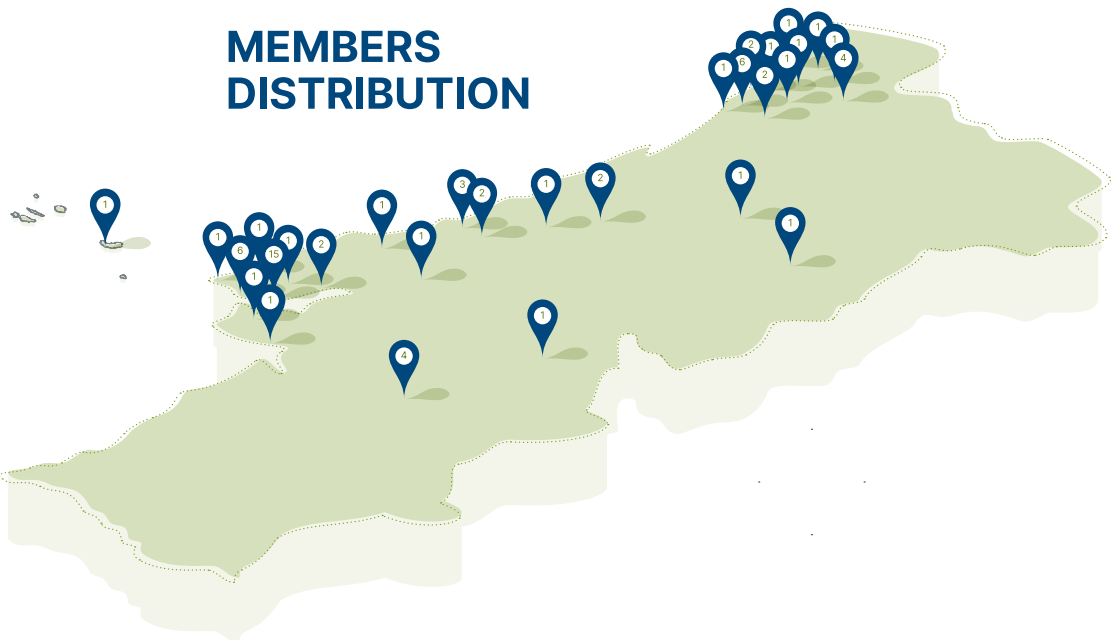


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What is AED? AED Cluster Portugal (AED) is the Portuguese Cluster for the Aeronautics, Space and Defence Industries and was created in 2016, as a private non-for-profit organization. The Cluster involves more than 160 Portuguese entities (Companies, Institutes and Academia) sharing significant synergies in multiple industrial, research and engineering domains.

What are the Cluster's main goals? The AED's mission is to be a trusted added value partner for the Aeronautics, Space and Defence sectors in Portugal, fostering growth in key opportunity areas, by acting as an entry point and one-stop-shop for every national and international stakeholders. Our goal is to foster a positive networking environment for cooperation, enabling the competitiveness of the Portuguese industrial, scientific and technological communities. And, so far, the results have been amazing.

AED Cluster Portugal strives to continue the good work with all its members and partners, in order to keep the path to consolidate Portugal as an international reference within the Aeronautics, Space and Defence industries.

Which results do you find most interesting? The Portuguese market dynamics and the consolidation of new business opportunities has been outstanding for the last decade. At a global level, we see an increasing awareness and recognition of the quality of our human resources and the competitiveness of our industries. The National ecosystem is not local anymore, but rather global, possessing already the capacity to deliver value through the entire development life cycle, which allow us to set ambitious goals for the future.

If you look carefully, today, we have Portuguese enabled technology from the depths of the oceans to the outer space.

What is the Cluster's outlook for the future? We strongly believe that the efforts and initial investments, already performed by our associates, will foster a consolidated and fruitful future for AED at a global level. The Portuguese ecosystem has already given proof of its value and it is, still, facing a big growth potential, capable to cope with the challenges these industrial sectors are facing. For us that is clear and, as a Cluster, it is our purpose to show that to the world.

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