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Comprehensive expertise on show from DRF Luftrettung **Air rescue specialists to feature at European Rotors**

A presentation of expertise from almost 50 years of air rescue, spanning helicopter maintenance, type ratings for pilots and hoist rescue – DRF Luftrettung will be showcasing its services at the European Rotors helicopter trade show from 8 to 10 November. Alongside flight and HEMS operation, there will also be a focus on the options for corporate clients from the fields of technology and training.

DRF Luftrettung will be taking part in European Rotors in Cologne and sharing details of how it is continuously driving progress in air rescue and implementing innovations. “One example in the area of technology is the service bulletin retrofit to upgrade the BK117 D2 to the D3 (five-bladed H145), which DRF Luftrettung carries out in its own EASA Part-145 organisation. We have already performed five successful upgrades to the new five-bladed rotor system for our own H145 fleet since the start of 2021 and we offer this service to external customers too. Having been the first operator to develop the processes for the retrofit with Airbus Helicopters last year, we are one of the few providers to possess this great expertise,” explains Michael Wrobel, Sales Manager at DRF Luftrettung. This topic will also form part of the Maintenance, Repair & Overhaul conference session from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. on 9 November 2022.

Hoist rescue pioneers

DRF Luftrettung will also be highlighting another of its core competencies – hoist rescue – with an H145 with five-bladed rotor and hoist at its stand in Hall K-08. Whether for missions in mountainous terrain, populated areas or over water, the DRF Luftrettung Group can deploy a helicopter with hoist at nine HEMS bases. Pilots and trainers will talk about the challenges of hoist operation with specific mission profiles and in disaster situations and will explain how customers can benefit from the huge expertise of DRF Luftrettung, for example as part of individual hoist training sessions.

The one-stop shop

Dr Krystian Pracz, Chairperson of the DRF Luftrettung Executive Board, is looking forward to the discussions at this year’s European Rotors: “We are one of the largest air rescue organisations in Europe and have many years of expertise. The various EASA approvals and certifications mean that we can offer a broad range of services, which we have expanded even further in recent years – for example within our maintenance, training or design organisation.” DRF Luftrettung will also be providing insights into its innovations in flight operation, technology and medicine as part of the HEMS conference session on 9 November 2022. DRF Akademie will be among the contributors and will be presenting its portfolio with a focus on the new professional helicopter pilot training.

Anyone who would like to talk to the DRF Luftrettung experts can send a direct enquiry through the list of exhibitors on the European Rotors website at www.europeanrotors.eu. Appointments can also be arranged in advance by contacting sales-service@drf.luftrettung.de.

About DRF Luftrettung

DRF Luftrettung based in Filderstadt is one of the largest and most experienced air rescue organisations in Europe, At its 29 bases in Germany, DRF Luftrettung operates helicopters for emergency rescue and for urgent transport of intensive care patients between hospitals. Crews are on standby around the clock at eleven of these bases and four bases have helicopters equipped with rescue hoists for missions in difficult terrain. In addition, DRF Luftrettung repatriates patients from abroad using its own ambulance aircraft. DRF Luftrettung carried out a total of 38,076 in 2021.

The Austrian organisation ARA Flugrettung, with two standard bases and one winter base, has been part of the DRF Luftrettung since 2001. In addition, the NHC Northern Helicopter, which performs air and water rescue from three bases, has joined the group in 2019. DRF Luftrettung is also involved in Alpine Air Ambulance in Switzerland, which operates two bases.

The charitable air ambulance organisation is reliant on financial support in order to continue taking its life-saving mission from strength to strength. DRF e.V. can already count on the generosity of well over 400,000 members.

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