

## PRESS INFORMATION

Frankfurt/Bühl, July 13, 2026

### **New H145 Simulator** **DRF Akademie expands its training portfolio**

With the commissioning of a new Airbus H145 D3 Flight Training Device (FTD) Level 3, DRF Akademie is expanding its pilot training capabilities. DRF Akademie is among the first organizations to deploy the new system developed by Reiser Simulation and Training. The simulator is located at the Lufthansa Aviation Training (LAT) facility in Frankfurt, Germany. It provides H145 operators, Approved Training Organizations (ATOs), and pilots with a state-of-the-art training solution that combines operational relevance, flexibility, and highly realistic training scenarios.

"By investing in and commissioning this new simulator, DRF Akademie reinforces its commitment to providing high-quality training solutions for DRF Luftrettung flight crews as well as external customers – in collaboration with strong partners and with a clear focus on quality, safety, and operational excellence. This is an important investment in the future," emphasizes Florian Rabe, Managing Director of DRF Akademie. "The new system enables us to respond quickly to operational requirements while maintaining the highest training standards for our customers."

#### **Added value for training and qualification**

The simulator is equipped with a state-of-the-art mixed reality system and accurately replicates the Airbus H145 D3 equipped with the latest avionics software, version 10. It provides a robust training environment for procedures, systems knowledge, and normal, abnormal, and emergency procedures, complemented by immersive scenarios designed to enhance decision-making and cockpit teamwork.

The device has been designed to achieve Multi-Crew Cooperation (MCC) qualification by the aviation authorities. This will enable dedicated MCC training on the H145 platform – a capability that is new for this class of Flight Training Device.

For DRF Akademie, the commissioning of the new simulator represents an important investment in expanding its training portfolio. The introduction of the new FTD marks a strategic step towards more capable, practice-oriented, and cost-efficient pilot training. The simulator can be used across large parts of H145 pilot training as well as for MCC and IFR-related training scenarios. It enables training requirements to be addressed more precisely, capacities to be scaled more efficiently, and training programs to be delivered with greater flexibility. Customers benefit from the combination of standardized procedures and complex multi-crew operational scenarios.

#### **Strategic advantage of the Frankfurt Training Location**

A further advantage is the simulator's integration into the training infrastructure of Lufthansa Aviation Training (LAT) in Frankfurt. There, the new FTD Level 3 complements the existing training devices, creating a modular training environment. The location offers excellent infrastructure, high availability, and the opportunity to consolidate a wide range of qualification and recurrent training activities at a single site.

LAT is DRF Akademie's primary partner for simulator operations, providing the housing, maintenance, and day-to-day operation of the device. Both partners intend to further expand their collaboration in this area.

"With the new H145 Flight Training Device, we are once again combining state-of-the-art simulation technology, operational expertise, and the training infrastructure at Lufthansa Aviation Training's Frankfurt site to deliver a highly capable training solution. Our close collaboration with the DRF Akademie has, for many years, provided the ideal foundation for practical, flexible training at the highest professional standard," says Matthias Spohr, CEO of Lufthansa Aviation Training.

### **Technology partnership with Reiser**

Reiser Simulation and Training, a manufacturer of advanced simulation solutions with a high level of technical expertise, is the technology partner behind the project. The new device combines a highly detailed cockpit replica with cutting-edge visualization and systems integration capabilities.

For DRF Akademie, this partnership strengthens training quality, technological innovation, and long-term investment security while creating a training solution specifically designed to meet the evolving requirements of modern helicopter pilot training.

### **About DRF Akademie GmbH**

DRF Akademie GmbH is a wholly owned subsidiary of DRF Stiftung Luftrettung gemeinnützige GmbH and serves as the training provider for the DRF Group as well as external customers. DRF Akademie offers initial, advanced, and continuing education programs in the core areas of emergency medicine, flight operations, maintenance, and leadership development.

Through its close day-to-day collaboration with paramedics, emergency physicians, pilots, and maintenance technicians, DRF Akademie has a deep understanding of the real-world challenges of emergency medical operations. This operational expertise is continuously incorporated into its training programs, ensuring that participants benefit directly from experience gained within one of Europe's leading air rescue organizations.

Further information: [www.drf-akademie.de](http://www.drf-akademie.de)

### **About Lufthansa Aviation Training**

Lufthansa Aviation Training GmbH (LAT) is one of the world's leading providers of flight training, offering training and qualification programs for cockpit and cabin crews at ten training locations worldwide. Headquartered at Munich Airport, the company employs approximately 800 people across all training sites.

Its customer portfolio includes more than 250 renowned national and international airlines, including the airlines of the Lufthansa Group. Lufthansa Aviation Training operates nearly 200 training devices, including training aircraft for pilot education, full-flight simulators covering all major aircraft types, as well as emergency and service mock-ups for cabin crew training.

Under the European Flight Academy (EFA) brand, Lufthansa Aviation Training combines the flight schools of the Lufthansa Group.

[www.lufthansa-aviation-training.com](http://www.lufthansa-aviation-training.com)

[www.european-flight-academy.com](http://www.european-flight-academy.com)

**Contacts:**

**DRF Luftrettung / DRF Akademie**

**Marketing / PR**

Claudia Lazi  
Head of Corporate Communications  
DRF Luftrettung  
Tel: +49 711 7007 2205  
Mail: [claudia.lazi@drf-luftrettung.de](mailto:claudia.lazi@drf-luftrettung.de)

**Training / Sales**

Florian Rabe  
Managing Director  
DRF Akademie  
Tel: +49 711 7007 3500  
Mail: [info@drf-akademie.de](mailto:info@drf-akademie.de)

**Lufthansa Aviation Training**

**Marketing / PR**

Dirk Sturny  
Head of Marketing & Communications  
Tel: +49 89 977 6447  
Mail: [Dirk.Sturny@lat.dlh.de](mailto:Dirk.Sturny@lat.dlh.de)