

**Meeting between the Cabinet of Commissioner Thyssen and the AeroSpace and Defence Industries Association of Europe 23 October 2015
(Berlaymont Building)**

Participants:

ASD: Vincent De Vroey, Civil Aviation Director

EC: Julie Fionda, Member of Cabinet of Commissioner Thyssen

Topics:

EU Aviation package, skills

Mr De Vroey gave an overview of the civil aviation sector in Europe and in particular of the profile of employment including skills issues and priorities for development of the aviation sector.

Mr De Vroey also highlighted the role of the European Aviation Safety Agency and expressed concerns re potential efficiency savings and staff cuts proposed across all EU Agencies. He stressed that the Agency needs sufficient staffing to be able to do its job effectively and without undue delays.

Mrs Fionda gave an overview of Commissioner's priorities related to skills; outlined the EU initiatives for mobilisation of the business sector to support skills in Europe, including the *European Alliance for Apprenticeships*.

Mrs Fionda encouraged Mr De Vroey to promote the European Alliance for Apprenticeships amongst his partners and encourage their possible participation in order to open up more apprenticeships opportunities for young people in Europe.

Mrs Fionda provided a factsheet and website address of where to find out more about this initiative.