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# MAAS Aviation welcomes Patrick Fransen as General Manager MRO



***“Patrick brings extensive leadership experience in the aviation and manufacturing sectors, with a strong track record in operational performance, quality oversight, and commercial development. His experience and insights will be invaluable as MAAS continues to move forward.”***

***Mark Gidman, Group COO –  
MAAS Aviation***

**Dublin/Maastricht/Kaunas: 06 August 2025:** [MAAS Aviation](https://www.maasaviation.com), the globally recognised aircraft painting and exterior coating specialist, is pleased to announce the appointment of Patrick Fransen as General Manager of its MRO division, overseeing operations in Maastricht and Kaunas.

Fransen joins MAAS from the European Support Center, where he held a senior operational role at the global helicopter service company. He will take over day-to-day responsibility for MAAS’ European MRO aircraft painting operations, leading the continued delivery of highest quality work and best-in-class TATs across all production sites.

“My focus will be on operational excellence, team development, and customer satisfaction,” comments Fransen. “The role combines strategic leadership with hands-on management to drive both operational and financial success, a challenge that energises me.”

Fransen explains what attracted him to the role, “It was the opportunity to lead such a dynamic, international team in a growing organisation, plus MAAS’ strong reputation in the aviation industry, painting aircraft for Europe’s leading airlines such as Ryanair and easyJet.”

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Mark Gidman, Group COO at MAAS, adds, “Patrick has many years of experience in operational leadership roles, and has a solution-driven approach. His background includes managing teams in aviation and automotive environments, and delivering complex customer focused projects. Beyond his professional track record, Patrick is known for his hands-on, people-focused leadership style and his passion for innovation, making him a great fit for our business. We warmly welcome Patrick to the MAAS team and wish him every success in his new role.”

**About MAAS Aviation:** *MAAS Aviation is a world-renowned aircraft painting and exterior coatings specialist. It provides services for OEMs, airlines, leasing companies and MRO operators from thirteen state-of-the-art paint shops for narrow-body and regional aircraft, capable of handling up to 580 aircraft per year. The Company's facilities - located in the Netherlands, Germany, Lithuania, and the USA – are certified to EN/AS9100 and ISO9001 quality standards and operate environmental management systems certified to ISO14001. Visit [www.maasaviation.com](http://www.maasaviation.com)*