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## **Agreement between Aersud Elicotteri and the Italian National Mountain Rescue Corps (CNSAS) signed for Helicopter rescue development and safety**

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**The National Mountain Rescue Corps (CNSAS) and the Italian Company Aersud Elicotteri have just signed an important collaboration agreement aimed at increasing the safety of HEMS and SAR (Search and Rescue) missions, with particular reference to the improvement of on-board helicopter equipment and staff training.**

The agreement aims to improve the overall effectiveness of the helicopter rescue operating system in mountainous and impervious environments, by sharing their respective knowledge assets.

The Alpine Rescue since the 70s has introduced the use of helicopters to solve the most complex cases of technical-health emergency in extreme environments, while Aersud Elicotteri, for over 40 years, is present in the Italian helicopter sector gaining a great deal of experience in the specific helicopter rescue activity, in particular with Airbus helicopters.

One of the most significant activity will be the synergy in training. The CNSAS will provide the great technical experience, while Aersud will be able to engage in flight crew training in relation to "non-technical skills" developed with the support of the University of Verona (Department of Human Sciences).

Aersud and the CNSAS will also jointly promote the improvement of helicopter regulations with the European and Italian Aviation Authorities, in particular regarding the new operations using NVG (Night Vision Goggles, now operating in several Italian regions).

The President Riccardo Aichner says: "Aersud has always been engaged in the development of helicopter rescue and, with this agreement, we will activate an important collaboration to improve a rescue activity already internationally recognized"

"The Alpine and Speleological Rescue has always played a leading role in the study and application of innovative techniques in helicopter rescue, - declares Maurizio Dellantonio, the national President of CNSAS. With a partner as Aersud, we start a joint effort to make the HEMS and SAR service ever more efficient and safe"

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### **About the Italian National Alpine Cliff and Cave Rescue Corps (CNSAS)**

The National Alpine Cliff and Cave Rescue Corps (CNSAS) is an operational division of the Italian Alpine Club (CAI), with its own declaration, constitution and general rules, approved by the general assembly, the CAI's highest governing body. The organization is based on Regional Services, coordinated on a national level, to which the different national schools also report. Each Regional Service is composed of so-called Delegations (covering alpine rescue) and Zones (for cave rescue), which in turn are divided into Stations (either alpine or caving).

The more than 7000 members of the CNSAS are all expert climbers or cavers of proven experience and capabilities, with a basic knowledge of medical rescue.

Their specialized and frequent training are the best proof of their high professionalism, which is put to use during rescue in harsh, inaccessible or hostile environments.

The CNSAS operates in all accidents which may occur while hiking or mountaineering (on trails, walls, ice climbing, crevasses, etc.); caving; cave diving (water filled caves, mountain lakes); canyoning (canyon and gorge); natural events (avalanche, flooding, earthquake etc.); failure of cable transportation (chairlift, gondola) and also for medical emergencies in any location difficult to reach with a standard medical team.

### **About Aersud Elicotteri**

Aersud Elicotteri was established in 1963 by Avv. Martino Aichner, a former military pilot decorated with the Gold Medal for military valour.

Aersud has always been committed to the development of Civil Aviation: it promoted, together with the Italian Authorities, the Laws and Regulations that liberalized the use of helicopter in Italy; it founded the National Mountain Flying School and organized, for various Italian Regions, important services of institutional interest.

In Italy, for over 40 years, it has succeeded in highlighting the quality of Airbus Helicopters, representing today more than 50% of the Italian civil market (emergency medical service, forest firefighting, civil defence, passenger transport, corporate and aerial work).

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