GPCAPT Joe Medved Director Aviation Engineering, DASA recently attended and presented at the European Defence Agency (EDA) – Military Airworthiness Conference in Madrid, Spain from 26-27 Sep 18. GPCAPT Medved presented at the conference on the ‘Integration of US sourced military platforms into an EMAR-based airworthiness system’.

The conference was opened on 26 Sep by the European Defence Agency Chief Executive Mr Jorge Domecq who advised that

“Although the levels of EMAR-implementation vary from country to country, based on this harmonised approach a total of 40 recognitions between military airworthiness authorities have been signed in the last five years and are now viewed as cornerstones for the structural cooperation between authorities. I would call this a remarkable result”, Mr Domecq stated.

In addition, the MAWA initiative is getting stronger attention outside Europe, on a global level. “Several non-European Defence Agency participating nations (e.g. Norway, Denmark, Switzerland and Australia) have embraced the same approach, are in the process of implementing EMAR’s in their national systems and are engaged in mutual recognitions with National Military Airworthiness Authorities”, he said.

Furthermore, Member States are now acknowledging that harmonised safety requirements are beneficial for everyone, even beyond the airworthiness domain. “As a result, Member States have tasked the EDA to develop a proposal for the progressive introduction of a Total System Approach to Military Aviation on the basis of two pilot projects, notably Remotely Piloted Aviation Systems and military transport aircraft. This proposal, should give a new impetus to the harmonisation of safety requirements in military aviation, this will be presented to EDA Member States at the end of this year”, the EDA Chief Executive announced.

Any enquires on the DASA presentation by GPCAPT Medved at the conference, can be directed to email: dasa.registry@defence.gov.au