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**DEFENCE AND AEROSPACE  
INDUSTRY MANUFACTURERS  
ASSOCIATION (SASAD)**

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# ABOUT US

*The Defence and Aerospace Industry Manufacturers Association (SASAD), established in 1989, is a leading non-governmental organization that brings together manufacturing firms operating in Türkiye's defence, aerospace, space, and security sectors.*

*Our association continues its activities to ensure the sustainable growth of its members in the sector, increase their national and international competitiveness, and support innovation efforts for critical technologies. Within this scope, our main objectives include contributing to the formation of policies that support the sector's development, strengthening cooperation with relevant stakeholders, and increasing the representation capability of our members.*

## Turkish Defence Sector: According to 2024 Data



**Over 3,500  
Companies**



**Over 1,100  
R&D Projects**



**Over 80% Localization  
Rate**



**Over \$100 Billion  
Project Volume**

# SASAD'S DUTIES AND ACTIVITIES



SASAD plays a crucial role in the defence and aerospace sector by bringing the needs and issues of the industry to the attention of public institutions and organizations, contributing to the development of solutions.



The association actively fosters collaborations with leading defence, aerospace, and security organizations worldwide.



It also supports its members' expansion into the global market by establishing partnerships with sector representatives both domestically and internationally.



SASAD proudly represents Türkiye in the Aerospace, Security and Defence Industries Association of Europe (ASD), ensuring that the sector's views and recommendations are brought to the agenda of both the ASD and the European Union.



As the most significant representative of the sector, SASAD unites over 300 manufacturing companies and 7 clusters under its umbrella.

# SASAD'S ACTIVITIES FOR ITS MEMBERS

- **Promoting Indigenous Projects:** We encourage and facilitate the development of local and national projects, fostering self-sufficiency and technological independence within the sector.
- **Supporting Sectorial Events:** We play a supportive role in the events organized by the Secretariat of Defence Industries (SSB) and other sectorial organizations, often participating as an organizer.
- **Advocating for Sectorial Interests:** We raise awareness among lawmakers regarding incentives and support provided by legal regulations, fostering consensus on issues affecting the sector, and presenting these views to the relevant authorities.
- **Measuring Sectorial Performance:** We annually assess the performance of the Turkish Defence Industry and share these findings with all stakeholders, promoting transparency and informed decision-making.
- **Facilitating Industry Dialogue:** We act as an interface between users, producers, and suppliers to enhance the sector's development and effectiveness.
- **Addressing Sectorial Challenges:** Through SASAD Committees and working groups, we share the challenges faced by the sector with our members and relevant authorities, seeking collaborative solutions.
- **Promoting the Turkish Defence Industry Globally:** We promote the Turkish Defence Industry at domestic and international exhibitions, facilitating connections between foreign delegations and Turkish companies.
- **Providing Information and Networking Opportunities:** We provide information about the Turkish Defence Industry to domestic and foreign industrialists and suppliers, creating platforms for them to connect and collaborate.
- **Forging Strategic Partnerships:** We sign and develop cooperation protocols with similar organizations to foster collaboration and synergy within the industry.
- **Connecting Supply and Demand:** We share domestic and international collaboration and supply requests with our members, facilitating business opportunities.

# SASAD MEMBERSHIP

To become a member of the Defence and Aerospace Industry Manufacturers Association (SASAD), your company must be engaged in production and engineering activities within the defence, aviation, and security sectors, as stipulated by the SASAD Articles of Association and Membership Acceptance Regulation.

If your company operates in these fields, we recommend carefully reviewing the Membership Acceptance Regulation available on our website. Following this, you will need to completely fill out the Membership Application Form, also found on our website, and submit it to SASAD along with all the required documents.

Once your documents are submitted, your membership application will be presented to the Board of Directors at their earliest scheduled meeting. If your membership is approved by the Board, you will receive an official acceptance letter, and we will then request the payment of membership dues. After the dues payment is processed, your company's membership registration will be finalized, and your company information will be integrated into our systems.



As a SASAD member, your company will have the right to vote in the General Assembly and be elected to the Association's organs (Board of Directors, Audit Committee, and Disciplinary Committee). Members can also have representatives in special working groups under the committees and in ASD Commissions.

# REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR SASAD MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



**Facility Security Clearance Certificate:** This document is mandatory if your company's area of operation includes products listed in the Controlled List annexed to Law No. 5201, and you are applying for membership. If your company is currently in the application phase for this certificate, please include a written statement to that effect in your submission.



**Trade Registry Record:** Your company's official trade registry documentation.



**Production Permit Certificate:** If your company possesses a Production Permit Certificate, please include it. If your company is in the application phase for this permit, you must state this in writing and include it in your application file.



**Defense Product Completion Certificates and References:** Documents proving successful completion of projects related to defense products, along with relevant references.



**Names of Board Members and General Manager:** A list of the names of your company's Board of Directors members and the General Manager.



**Company and Product Introduction Brochures:** Promotional brochures for your company and its products.



**Criminal Record Check:** Criminal record checks for the Chairman of the Board and, if applicable, for all partners.



**ISO, AQAP, and Similar Quality Certificates:** Any relevant ISO, AQAP, or other quality management system certifications your company holds.

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