

Agile Wing Integration Workshop – 21st October 2015

Airbus, Filton



On 21st October the first Workshop for all Workpackages on the Agile Wing Integration Project was held at Airbus, Filton. Attendance was extremely good with 52 members of the Project Team being present (including staff from Airbus, the Universities of Bristol, Cranfield and Loughborough as well as from Marshalls Aerospace of Cambridge and Airbus Innovations Group).

The day kicked-off with an overview of each Workpackage from the WP Leaders who gave a brief introduction, and outlined the main objectives and key inputs and outputs. This was followed by a one hour ice-breaker/team building session to help introduce all project members to each other in a relaxed and informal way.

After lunch the main group separated into 4 break-out groups. Each group was assigned a specific Workpackage as the focus of their discussion (although the groups themselves were comprised of a mixture of project team members from all WPs). The groups looked at how the various WPs work together – looking at overlap and commonality – and then the various inputs and outputs were analysed by the groups. After the coffee break the groups were re-arranged to discuss a further Workpackage. The break-out groups came back together after these two sessions to feed back the content of their discussions to the main group. The feedback given was extremely useful for the future running of the project.

The day was rounded off with a Workshop Dinner in the evening providing more opportunity for all to get to know one another.

Overall it was a tremendously successful event giving all members of this large project consortium the chance to meet face to face, get to know each other and exchange ideas/forging links. It also gave all present a much clearer idea of the wider scope and aims of the project and the interaction between the different Workpackages. Building upon the success of this event it was decided to run similar events every 6-12 months.