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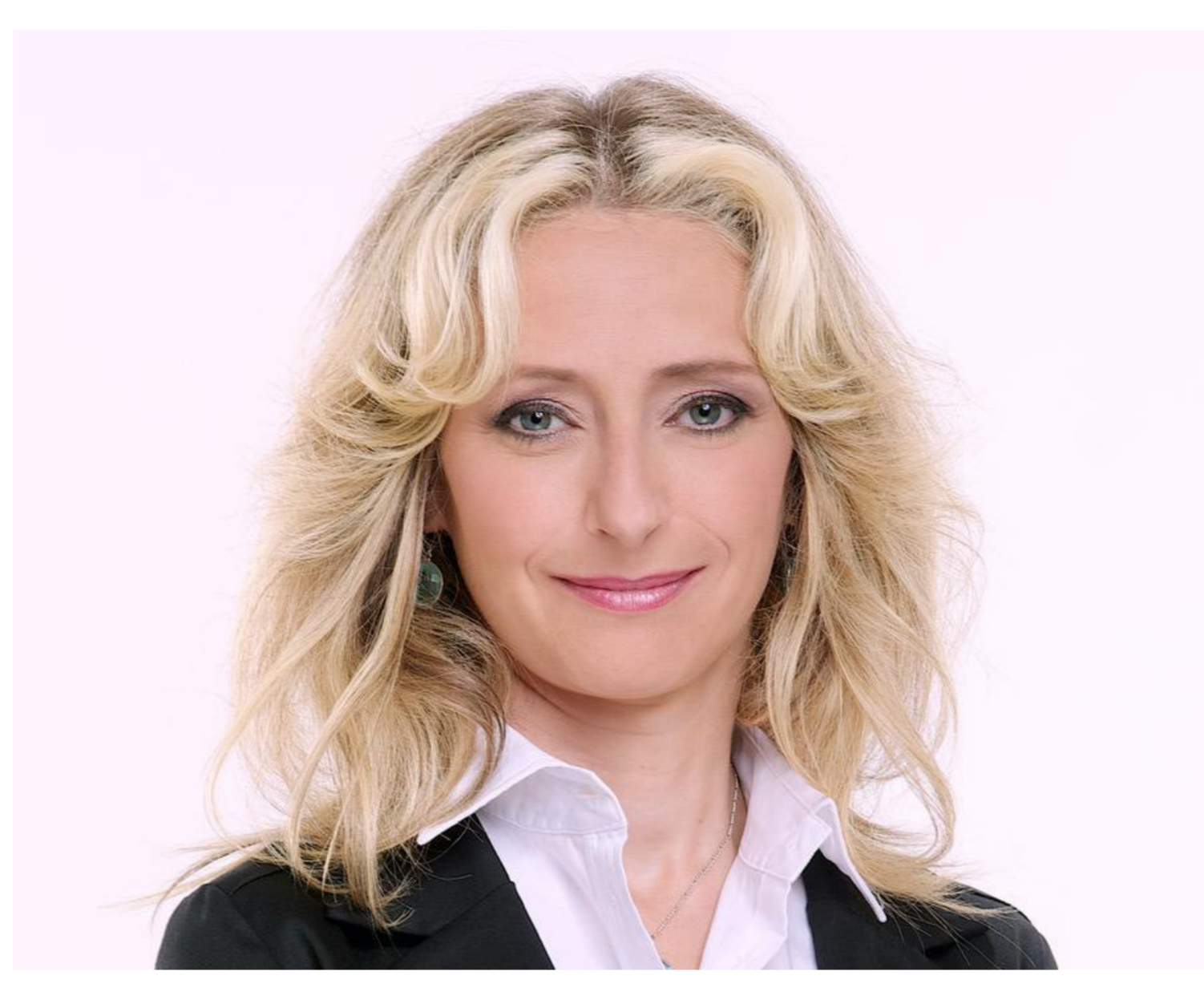


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Hungary Looks To Deepen Space Collaboration With Singapore

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Orsolya Ferencz, Hungary's ministerial commissioner for space research. Credit: Hungarian Embassy of Singapore

SINGAPORE—Building on a space cooperation agreement signed by the two states in 2020, Hungary is inviting space experiments from Singapore to be part of the research agenda for the astronaut it will send to the International Space Station (ISS) in 2024.

Speaking at the Global Space and Technology Convention held in Singapore, Hungary's ministerial commissioner for space research, Orsolya Ferencz, said her government has decided to significantly increase its support for the Hungarian space sector, including international outreach.

“Let me also add that the government included the space sector in its post-COVID recovery action plan among industries of the future, acknowledging the higher resilience of this sector vis-a-vis the pandemic,” she added.

Hungary has begun the process of finding an astronaut to travel to the ISS by 2024 to test telecommunications, Earth observation, and radiation gauge equipment developed by Hungarian companies and universities. Ferencz said the program will open “experiment time” for Singaporean projects as well.

On the ground, part of the 2020 agreement involved a partnership between Singapore's ST Engineering and Bonn Hungary Electronics Ltd (BHE). BHE is supplying ST Engineering with S-band converters and the two parties are exploring more collaboration in the fields of space engineering internships, manufacturing, and equipment co-development.

BHE is known for software-defined radio, very low phase noise frequency synthesizers and oscillators, phased-array antennas, frequency up- and downconverters and GaN-based solid-state smart power amplifiers.

Peter Vitenyi Investment & Trade Counsellor of the Hungarian Embassy in Singapore told Aerospace DAILY that Hungary and Singapore have many parallels, being relatively small and open economies in their respective regions while focusing on innovation and international business partnerships.



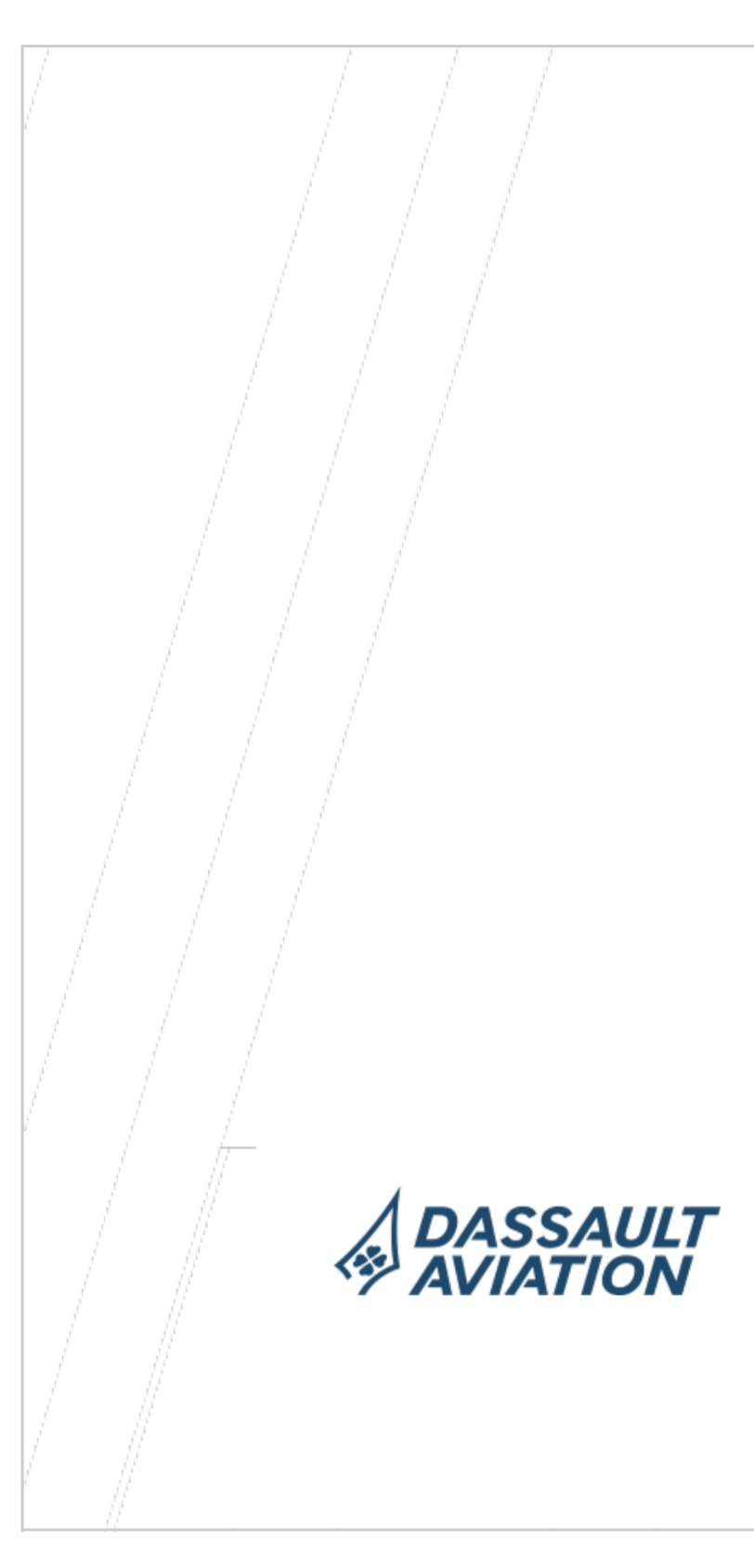
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