

Ministers to thrash out future of Airbus A400M

EU defence ministers meeting in Spain are under pressure to agree additional financing for the Airbus A400M transport plane – the largest collaborative military project in European history – which is currently €5.2bn over budget and four years behind schedule

Crew: **2 pilots, 1 loadmaster**
Capacity: **37 tonnes**
Max. speed: **780km/h**
Max. altitude: **12,000m**
Range (max payload) **3,300km**

A400: Can carry 80% more cargo than Lockheed C-130 Hercules

Power crane, 5-tonne capacity

Length: **43.8m**

Four TP400-D6 turboprops

Cargo bay can accommodate 116 fully equipped troops or 66 stretchers plus 25 medical personnel

A400 assembled in Seville, Spain

Typical mission

50 A400s transport 17,000 tonnes of equipment and 7,200 troops to Middle East

Ramp can carry 6 tonnes

