



# BAA TRAINING EXPANDS ITS AB INITIO SCHOOL IN SPAIN

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**BAA Training announced expanding its Ab Initio flight school. Currently operating in Lithuania and Spain, the Academy adds one more flight base in Spain and expands its training infrastructure. Providing Ab Initio training since 2009, and collaborating with major airlines for cadet training programs since 2016, BAA Training currently has over 310 students at its Ab Initio school. Last year, in addition to the headquarters flight base in Lithuania, the Academy opened its first flight base at Lleida-Alguaire International Airport in Spain. The expansion and development of the new flight base was executed in order to ensure the year-round flight training.**

**In 2019 the company became a partner of Turkish Airlines for the cadet training programs supplementing already ongoing programs with such airlines as Wizz Air, Avion Express, SmartLynx. In addition, pilot assessment for cadet program with LOT Polish Airlines has been started. Therefore, with the continually growing student number BAA Training announces adding the second flight base in Spain - Castellón Airport.**

Along with the infrastructure expansion, BAA Training is now supplementing its fleet with additional aircraft. With up to 6M euros investment BAA Training is set to expand its Ab Initio fleet by more than 70% in 2020 and invest additional 10M euros in 2021.

“The talks about pilot shortage are far gone being just talks. Cooperating with major airlines on the market and sharing experience, we evidence the growing need not only for pilots but for training capacity as well. Adding one more flight base in south not only allows us to deliver year-round training to our current students, but to expand our capabilities to meet the growing market needs for pilot training”, comments Egle Vaitkeviciute, CEO at BAA Training.



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