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**Finmeccanica: Alenia Aermacchi signs a EUR 280 million contract with Poland for eight M-346**

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Alenia Aermacchi, a Finmeccanica company, has signed a contract with the Ministry of Defence of Poland to supply eight M-346 Master. The contract – signed after the aircraft was selected, as already announced – is worth EUR 280 million.

In addition to the eight aircraft, the provision also includes logistic support, a training programme for pilots and engineers and a ground-based training system with dedicated classrooms and educational materials.

After Italy, Singapore and Israel, Poland is the fourth customer to order the M-346, considered the most advanced/lead-in fighter trainer aircraft currently available on the market and the only new-generation trainer specifically designed to train pilots to fly high-performance latest generation military aircraft. The Polish contract raises the number of M-346 aircraft ordered to date to 56.

The Italian aircraft won the Polish contract against international competitors.

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