

# VÆRIDION Advances Microliner Programme with Launch Customer, Customer Advisory Committee and Key Industry Partners onboard

### Key highlights:

- VÆRIDION officially launches the Microliner programme with ASL Group as its launch customer, alongside the formation of a newly established Market Advisory Committee featuring industry partners such as Aero-Dienst, ASL Group, Cirium, Copenhagen Air Taxi, CPH Helicopters, IBA, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, MBA, Monte and TrueNoord.
- Evolito and MT Propeller are supporting the advancement of the Microliner's electric propulsion system, driving progress toward the program's first flight.
- A robust network of technology partners like GKN Aerospace, Dassault Systemes and Bosch is accelerating the program's development timeline and entry into commercial service.
- The program focuses on the underserved short-haul regional market, aiming to deliver a scalable, zero-emission aircraft by 2030.
- Backed by world-class investors, government funding from the German Federal Government and the Bavarian State Government, and a team of over 60 top-tier professionals led by seasoned aerospace executives, the company is built to lead the future of sustainable aviation.

**Paris, June 18, 2025** – VÆRIDION, the Munich-based all-electric aircraft manufacturer, announced today a major step forward in the launch of its Microliner programme with the confirmation of ASL Group as launch customer, the formation of a Market Advisory Committee to guide market and operational readiness, and new collaborations with top-tier aerospace technology partners for the propulsion system development.

Designed to reshape Regional Air Mobility in Europe and beyond, the Microliner will offer fully electric, high-efficiency and low-noise flight tailored to the unique needs of short-haul travel. The Microliner will facilitate connections between large and regional airports and smaller airfields that have been underutilised until now, providing better access to regions without direct connections to highways or high-speed trains.

With this announcement, VÆRIDION enters a new phase in its journey toward zero-emission regional aviation, officially launching the next stage of its development program.

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"We are now entering the exciting stage of launching an aircraft development programme," said Ivor van Dartel, CEO and Co-founder of VÆRIDION. "Securing our launch customer and working with outstanding technology partners set the stage to deliver emission-free flight as a scalable, real-world solution before the end of this decade."

### First Customer and Market Advisory Committee Onboard

ASL Group, a pioneering business aviation operator with a growing semi-scheduled network, has placed an order for the Microliner and will become the aircraft's **first commercial operator** upon entry into service. Through its order of VÆRIDION aircraft, ASL is poised to be at the forefront of innovation. The company will initially target business travelers, with plans to expand into consumer travel and scheduled services as the technology matures.

VÆRIDION has also announced the establishment of its Market Advisory Committee, bringing together leading stakeholders from across the aviation ecosystem. Confirmed participants include Aero-Dienst, ASL Group, Cirium, Copenhagen Air Taxi, CPH Helicopters, IBA, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, MBA, Monte and TrueNoord along with several additional stakeholders who have chosen to remain unnamed at this stage.

This collaborative environment—uniting key ecosystem players to share knowledge, perspectives, and best practices—ensures a coordinated and effective readiness for the Microliner's entry into service.

"I am very proud to announce our launching customer – ASL Group - today. Together with them and key industry stakeholders, members of our Market Advisory Committee, we are leading the way to cost-effective and emission free regional flights.", said Taco Stouten, CCO at VÆRIDION. "To maintain our competitive edge and achieve excellence, customer engagement will be key as we advance the development of our 100% electric commercial aircraft."

## Securing Key industry partnerships and collaborations

As VÆRIDION prepares for the aircraft's first flight, it is collaborating with **Evolito**, an expert in electric propulsion systems, and **MT-Propeller**, a leader in advanced propeller design. Both companies are **supporting the development** of the Microliner's propulsion system in the next phase of development and system integration and testing.

"These collaborations mark a significant step forward on the path to the Microliner's first flight," said Markus Kochs-Kämper, CTO at VÆRIDION. "VÆRIDION is proud to collaborate with leading technology partners, including Evolito and MT Propeller, to advance the development of its electric propulsion system. These best-in-class partnerships will accelerate the achievement of technology readiness for the upcoming flight test campaign.

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Together, we are committed to delivering a revolutionary 100% electric aircraft that promises to redefine the future of regional aviation."

VÆRIDION is also collaborating with a robust network of world-class industry partners who bring critical expertise and capabilities to its mission. This includes technology leaders such as Dassault Systèmes, GKN Aerospace, Cylib and Bosch, alongside top nodge academic institutions like TU Delft, TU Munich, NLR and University of the Bundeswehr Munich. These partnerships play a pivotal role in advancing VÆRIDION's innovation agenda and accelerating the preparation of the Microliner for operational deployment.

## Next Phase of Programme Development

Since its inception, the Microliner program has been dedicated to developing a purpose-built electric aircraft tailored for short-haul routes under 400 kilometres—excluding reserves—a segment that accounts for nearly one-third of all European flights. Targeting entry into commercial service by 2030, the Microliner aims to deliver a clean, efficient, and accessible solution for regional aviation. With ASL Group confirmed as the launch customer and both technological and market collaborations progressing, VÆRIDION is now gearing up for its next major development milestone: the flight test campaign.

The company is backed by world-class investors among them World Fund, Project A Ventures, Vsquared Ventures, Andreas Kupke, Schwarz Holding, and InnovationQuarter and has received funding support from both the German Federal Government and the Bavarian State Government. Its management team brings decades of combined experience in the aerospace industry, ensuring strategic leadership and technical excellence. With a growing team of over 60 highly skilled professionals, the company continues to attract top-tier talent dedicated to advancing the future of aerospace innovation.

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#### **About VÆRIDION**

VÆRIDION is transforming regional air travel with the Microliner, a 100% electric aircraft designed for clean and affordable mobility on regional and underserved routes. Headquartered in Munich, with a subsidiary in Delft, we are developing an eCTOL aircraft that carries up to 9 passengers over 400 km under IFR conditions, meeting the operational and sustainability goals of regional airlines. The clean-sheet design features a glider-inspired wing with integrated modular batteries, and a multi-engine, single-propeller propulsion system. The result? The most energy efficient aircraft in its class. No science fiction, just real, achievable, zero-emission travel before 2030. https://vaeridion.com/

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