

Romanian Air Force to continue modernisation by purchasing F-35 aircraft

Romania's Supreme Council for National Defence (CSAT) approved on Tuesday a concept for enhancing Romania's air defence capability with 5th-generation multi-role aircraft.

According to the Romanian Presidential Administration, the development of Romania's Air Force was analysed at a recent CSAT meeting.

"Achieving robust, credible, interoperable, flexible and efficient air defence capabilities -- intended both to meet the commitments as a result of being a NATO and EU member state and to deter possible aggressions -- is the essential condition for achieving the objectives of Romania's defence policy. The spectrum of the said defence capabilities will include, among other things, enhanced air and missile defence capabilities for the protection of own forces and advanced and diversified fire and long-range precision strike capabilities."

The modernisation of the Romanian Air Force will continue with the purchase of state-of-the-art F-35 aircraft.

"The aircraft -- equipped with a wide range of advanced sensors, the ability to exchange encrypted information in real time with both air platforms and ground-based defence systems, the ability to truly manage the operational picture of the battlefield, as well as with precision-guided munition -- allow the achievement and maintenance of air superiority, a mandatory condition for ensuring sovereignty over the national airspace and its defence."