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## Orange Business Creates a New Division Dedicated to Defense and Homeland Security

Orange is strengthening its commitment to sovereignty with the creation of a new division dedicated to defense and homeland security, integrated within Orange Business. This strategic decision aligns with the "Lead the Future" plan and makes Orange's focus on strategic verticals with high sovereignty stakes a reality. It also demonstrates the Group's desire to leverage its operational excellence to support defense and security actors in France and Europe.

The Defense and Security sector increasingly relies on cutting-edge technologies driven by digital innovation and has high requirements for resilience and security. It demands a deep understanding of the needs of these actors, as well as a high level of data sovereignty, risk anticipation, operational excellence, and regulatory compliance. In this context, Orange Business announces the creation of the Defense & Security Division (Direction Défense & Sécurité – DD&S), a specialized unit bringing together several hundred experts dedicated to the digital transformation of ministries, operators, and companies in defense and homeland security industries.

The new Defense & Security Division aims to strengthen and develop existing activities to address several key challenges: deployment of resilient connectivity solutions, hybridization of civilian and military networks, hosting of sensitive data, emergency communication systems, artificial intelligence, and cybersecurity — in collaboration with the Defense and Security Vertical of Orange Cyberdefense, the sector leader in France and several other European countries. It will rely on Orange Business' recognized expertise in deploying, operating, and maintaining top-tier digital infrastructures owned by Orange: the best service quality on its 5G network in France and Europe, 45,000 km of terrestrial fiber, over 2,500 satellite antennas, and 450,000 km of submarine cables. Orange Cyberdefense complements this expertise with its ability to detect, protect against and respond to cyber-attacks, supported by its Cyber Threat Intelligence.

This division will bring together expertise from various Group entities to ensure a comprehensive value chain, from technological innovation to operational maintenance, including the integration of digital solutions, security, resilience and service quality.

The leadership of this new entity has been entrusted to **Nassima Auvray, Director of Defense & Security**: *"I am proud to lead this strategic division, which brings together a multidisciplinary team of several hundred experts committed to designing sovereign, resilient, and high-value solutions for our clients and partners in the defense and security sectors. By leveraging Orange's innovation power — from advanced cybersecurity and artificial intelligence to emerging quantum*

*technologies — we are ideally positioned to meet the rapidly evolving needs of this highly specialized sector, which relies on civil solutions and contributes to building tomorrow's secure digital infrastructure."*

**Aliette Mousnier Lompré, CEO of Orange Business**, emphasizes: *"Defense and security are complex and demanding sectors that require a specialized approach, dedicated expertise, and a nuanced understanding of sovereignty and resilience issues. That's why we have decided to create the Defense & Security Division to harness Orange Business's technological strength and operational excellence in serving key actors in this expanding sector."*

#### About Orange

Orange is one of the world's leading telecommunications operators with revenues of 40.3 billion euros in 2024 and 125,800 employees worldwide at 31 March 2025, including 69,700 employees in France. The Group has a total customer base of 294 million customers worldwide at 31 March 2025, including 256 million mobile customers and 22 million fixed broadband customers. These figures account for the deconsolidation of certain activities in Spain following the creation of MASORANGE. The Group is present in 26 countries (including non-consolidated countries). Orange is also a leading provider of global IT and telecommunication services to multinational companies under the brand Orange Business. In February 2023, the Group presented its strategic plan "Lead the Future", built on a new business model and guided by responsibility and efficiency. "Lead the Future" capitalizes on network excellence to reinforce Orange's leadership in service quality. Orange is listed on Euronext Paris (symbol ORA). For more information on the internet and on your mobile: [www.orange.com](http://www.orange.com), [www.orange-business.com](http://www.orange-business.com) and the Orange News app or to follow us on X: @orangegrouppr. Orange and any other Orange product or service names included in this material are trademarks of Orange or Orange Brand Services Limited

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