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Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Transformation, Italian Navy Admiral Luciano Zappata, visited CAE, an aviation and aeronautics company, in Montreal April 13 as part of the engagements with industry to enhance collaboration and interaction.

CAE is a leader in modelling and simulation (M&S), an area where Zappata has had a specific interest during his time at Allied Command Transformation.

While still a global leader in developing flight simulators and providing training and services, the company is expanding their expertise to other sectors including energy, mining, and healthcare.

Zappata was hosted by Mr. Martin Gagnè, President of the Military Products and Training & Services, who gave a presentation of the company's focus on M&S.

Gagnè highlighted that M&S is critical to reduce costs, risks and time of development enhancing interoperability in areas where decision making plays a key role for its effects especially in Concept Development and Experimentation (CD&E) and capability development.

Mr. Gagnè also indicated that CAE has set up several offices in 20 nations because "Being close to the customer is absolutely essential to understand their needs."

CAE is keen to cooperate with NATO and ACT to explore and better understand customers' needs.

The visit again confirmed that ACT is seen by industry as a valuable partner for developing collaborative initiatives to explore technology and concepts, and enhance interoperability.

During the afternoon, ACT staff gave several briefings which resulted in discussion and several proposals for collaborative projects under the Framework for Collaborative Interaction (FFCI)

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