



ENVIRONMENT

Air carriers' role in achieving aviation's climate goals discussed at ECAC monthly webinar

8 June — The air carriers' role in achieving aviation's climate goals was the focus of discussions at the 11th ECAC monthly familiarisation webinar on basic knowledge on aviation and the environment.

The webinar welcomed the participation of representatives from different aircraft operators' business models. Athar Husain Khan, Secretary-General of the European Business Aviation Association (EBAA), outlined business aviation's work

on sustainability and its commitment on climate change, its current goals (including net-zero CO₂ emissions by 2050) and the pathways to achieving them.

Martina Di Palma, Sustainability Manager at the European Regions Airline Association (ERA), addressed European aviation's *Destination 2050* decarbonisation roadmap and the regional carriers' engagement in climate action, offering specific examples of the airlines' climate initiatives.

Ruby Sayyed, Head of ATM advocacy at the International Air Transport Association (IATA), spoke about the airlines' operational improvement potential in the context of an aviation long-term aspirational goal (LTAG), presenting initiatives taken to achieve operational efficiencies.

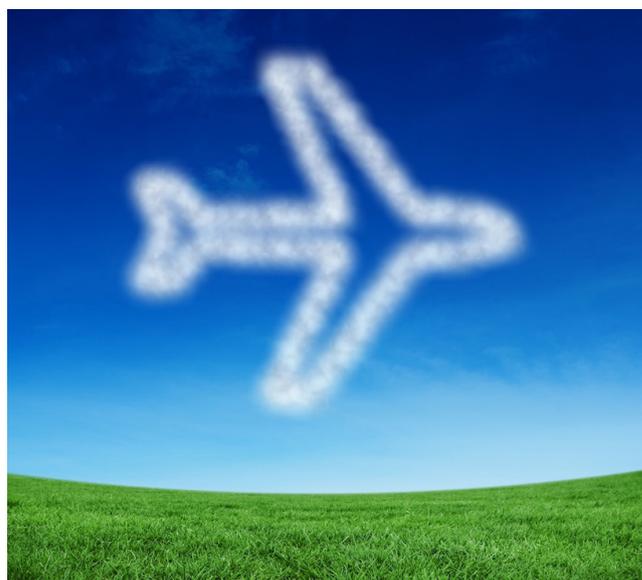
68 participants from ECAC Member States, organisations and stakeholders joined the webinar.

Joint ECAC and ICAO EUR/NAT information seminar focuses on CORSIA verification

15 June — The third ECAC CORSIA Information Seminar was organised together with the ICAO EUR/NAT office to support States in preparing their aggregated CO₂ emissions data before submission to ICAO by the deadline of 31 July 2022. Bringing together 59 environment specialists, the seminar provided a forum to showcase best practices on CORSIA verification implemented by States so that others could learn from their experience.

ECAC and ICAO provided updates on their respective recent and planned activities. They drew attention to the intense environmental agenda for this year's ICAO Assembly and for 2023, where the focus is expected to be on promoting sustainable aviation fuels – one of the CORSIA implementation elements – on a global scale.

Representatives from Spain and Malta shared their own practical experience in verifying the emissions data reported by their aircraft operators, a step which must be completed before submitting the data to ICAO. In particular, they explained how they do what is referred to by ICAO as the "Orders of Magnitude Check", an important procedure in the whole CORSIA monitoring, reporting and verification process.



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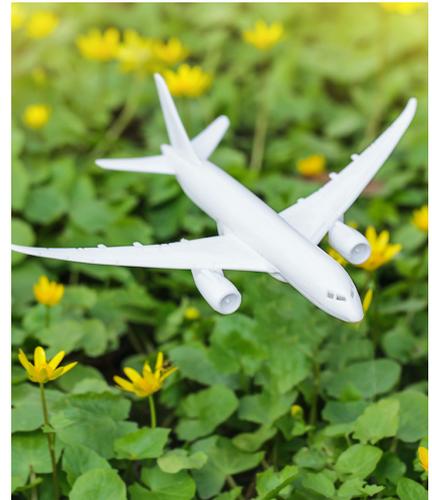
Sustainable Aviation Fuels Task Group discusses SAF Policy Toolkit

16 June — The ECAC/EU Sustainable Aviation Fuels Task Group (SAF-TG) met virtually to consider the policy recommendations arising from the SAF Policy Toolkit developed in 2021 by Clean Skies for Tomorrow, an initiative led by the World Economic Forum aimed at promoting the decarbonisation of the aviation sector.

Co-chaired by Inmaculada Gómez (Spain) and Magnus Gislev (DG MOVE, European Commission), the meeting reviewed in detail the structure and content of the SAF

Policy Toolkit. The participants identified some elements that it could be interesting to include in the ECAC/EU guidance being developed by the task group, such as the graphic overview of regulatory layers for a SAF market, or how policy options for a scaled SAF market are structured.

A guidance update incorporating these elements is expected to be discussed at the next SAF-TG meeting, scheduled on 7 July 2022. ■



Behaviour detection specialists review recent developments

8-9 June — Developments in the field of behaviour detection and progress in implementing the group's work programme were among key topics discussed at the recent online meeting of the ECAC Behaviour Detection Study Group.

The meeting endorsed a checklist for assessing the behaviour detection programme of a State wishing to join the study group, as well as guidelines on how to present their behaviour detection programmes. The meeting also reviewed requests received from States to organise behaviour detection mentoring activities in 2022. It discussed the group's progress in defining different levels of mentoring depending on the States' capabilities to act as mentors, and on the needs of the States requesting mentorship. Progress made in researching the use of artificial intelligence in behaviour detection also featured on the agenda.



Security Programme Management Group discusses the evolution of the CEP

23 June — The CEP roadmap 2022-2024 developed by the CEP Management Group over the past months was endorsed at the recent meeting of the ECAC Security Programme Management Group, chaired by Gunnar Ljungberg (DGCA Sweden) in his capacity as ECAC Focal Point for Security. The roadmap will now be presented to Directors General for adoption at their next meeting in Sorrento (DGCA/71(SP), 25-27 August 2022). CEP funding was also discussed, with the objective of ensuring the CEP long-term sustainability.

The meeting also approved a series of documents, including: amendments to the Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of ECAC security groups; amendments to the ECAC Aviation Security Audit Methodology; guidelines for States wishing to join the ECAC Behaviour Detection Study Group (BDSG) on how to present their behaviour detection programmes; a checklist for assessing the behaviour detection programme of a State wishing to join the BDSG; and new best practices for efficiency in aviation security training.

Technical Task Force discusses testing methodology for prohibited item detection

21-22 June — The Technical Task Force (TTF) met to review the work being carried out in TTF study groups since the beginning of 2022 and to discuss updates on security technology developments in member and observer States.

The preparation of a new ECAC Common Testing Methodology (CTM) for Automated Prohibited Item Detection Systems (APIDS) for explosive detection systems for cabin baggage (to automatically detect prohibited articles in cabin baggage) was presented, as well as progress on other CTMs and other work priorities agreed for 2022.

CEP participating test centres coordinate ahead of the CEP Management Group meeting

27 June — Representatives of the CEP participating test centres, the deputy chair of the CEP Management Group and the ECAC Secretariat gathered online to exchange information and to prepare for the next meeting of the CEP Management Group (19-20 July 2022).

A broad array of technical and operational issues were discussed during the meeting, including the progress of ongoing tests and the test centres'

available capacity until the first quarter of 2023. Discussions also focused on planning for implementation of the Common Testing Methodology for EDS v4.0 and the Automated Prohibited Items Detection Systems (APIDS) for cabin baggage.

These test centre coordination meetings will continue to be organised a few weeks before each CEP Management Group meeting. ■

Recurrent training and recertification of ECAC auditors

Paris, 23-24 June — The ECAC Secretariat organised a Recurrent Training and Recertification of ECAC Auditors workshop with a view to resuming the ECAC Audit Programme in the fourth quarter 2022 and in response to Member States' requests for security audits.

The purpose of this activity was to confirm that auditors still possess the necessary knowledge and competencies, including knowledge of ECAC Doc 30, Part I – Security and the audit methodology. In a series of classroom activities and discussions, the auditors reviewed recent amendments to Doc 30 and developed a common understanding of new and amended Doc 30 recommendations. The workshop also enabled the participants to exchange experience and best practices in auditing various Doc 30 recommendations and to develop consistency in evaluating their implementation.

At the end of the workshop, the participants sat a series of written tests. The recertified auditors will be invited by the Secretariat to participate in security audits in the coming months according to Member States' needs.

Basic Aviation Security Training

30 May-1 June — Following numerous nominations by ECAC Member States, a Basic Aviation Security Training course was organised online for the second time in 2022 for experts from Belgium, Estonia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Poland and Slovakia.

The course comprised several theoretical sessions covering the history of civil aviation security, the role and activities

of international and European civil aviation organisations, and the role and responsibilities of the Appropriate Authority, as well as providing an overview of the key aviation security measures. The sessions were delivered by two security experts from Cyprus and Ireland, who shared their knowledge and experience with the participants. ■



Participants in the Recurrent Training and Recertification of ECAC Certified Auditors workshop

Preparations for the ICAO Assembly in the European Safety and Air Navigation Coordination Group

10 June — The status of the European working papers on safety and air navigation, outreach activities and practical arrangements for the 41st ICAO Assembly were the main topics on the agenda of the 28th meeting of the European Safety and Air Navigation Coordination Group (ESANCG). On the approval status of the working papers agreed by ECAC Directors General at their last meeting (DGCA/158, 11 May 2022), participants noted that discussions were now underway in

the EU Council's Aviation Working Group (AVIA). The ECAC Secretariat reported on outreach activities at the ECAC level, and provided the meeting with an update on the latest organisational aspects of the Assembly.

For information, the ESANCG members were given sight of 12 working papers for the Assembly prepared by the International Coordinating Council of Aerospace Industries Associations (ICCAIA). ■

Implications of Russia's invasion of Ukraine on air services agreements

15 June — An ad hoc meeting of the Economic Working Group to discuss the implications of Russia's invasion of Ukraine on air services agreements analysed the current situation from several angles and discussed the consequences for operators, connectivity, and the competitive landscape. The participants noted that further exchanges on a bilateral level would be helpful to explore how best to handle the current challenges; however, they agreed that consultations and negotiations should continue to be the first tool in seeking to restore balance to the application of air service agreements. ■

ECAC supports and welcomes diversity, equity and inclusion programmes in aviation

An ECAC survey on diversity, equity and inclusion was issued in June to the civil aviation administrations of the 44 ECAC Member States.

The purpose of this survey is to collect information on the state of play in the civil aviation administrations, and to use the results to identify and share good practices among all Member States.

Other diversity-related initiatives have also been launched by the ECAC Secretariat; these include an e-library available to Directors General comprising multiple resources on diversity topics, and reference documents – such as national strategies, European policies, studies and articles – on diversity, equity, inclusion, and mentoring programmes.

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What's on in July and August?

July

- 6 July: 2nd Sustainable Aviation Fuels Workshop (ENV/SAF-WKSH/2), videoconference
- 7 July: 7th meeting of the EAEG Sustainable Aviation Fuels Task Group (SAFTG/7), videoconference
- 12 July: 50th meeting of the European Aviation and Environment Working Group (EAEG/50), Brussels
- 12-13 July: 11th Directors General Familiarisation Course (DG-FAMCOURSE/11), videoconference
- 19-20 July: 54th meeting of the Common Evaluation Process (CEP) Management Group (CEP-MG/54), Paris

August

- 25 August: 195th meeting of the Coordinating Committee (CC/195), Sorrento
- 25-27 August: 71st Special meeting of Directors General (DGCA(SP)/71), Sorrento