



ENVIRONMENT

Focus on financing climate aviation ambitions at the monthly ECAC environment webinar



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Videoconference, 14 September — The ECAC monthly familiarisation webinars on basic knowledge on aviation and the environment resumed after the summer break with a session dedicated to a topic for discussion at the 41st ICAO Assembly (27 September – 7 October), and also addressed in a working paper presented by ECAC Member States: financing climate aviation ambitions and encouraging investments to promote sustainable aviation fuels (SAF). Fifty-seven participants from ECAC Member States, organisations and stakeholders joined the webinar.

Jianyi Chen, Project Fellow at the World Economic Forum (WEF), presented the work his organisation is doing on financing the transition to a net-zero future. He encouraged the European industry to consider joining the *First Movers Coalition*, a global WEF initiative harnessing the purchasing power of companies to decarbonise seven “hard to abate” industrial sectors, including aviation, to send a powerful market signal to commercialise zero-carbon technologies.

Ioanna Katsarou, Policy Officer at the European Commission (DG MOVE), presented different EU tools to boost SAF access to public and private finance, including the recently launched *Renewable and Low-Carbon Fuels Value Chain Industrial Alliance* (RLCF Alliance) and the EU ETS Innovation Fund.

Marylin Bastin, Head of Aviation Sustainability at EUROCONTROL, informed participants about the work her organisation is initiating on climate change financial disclosure to support States and stakeholders by providing guidelines for potential investors comprising comprehensive information on the impact of climate change, in order to empower transparency on climate risks and opportunities.

Sustainable Aviation Fuels Task Group refines guidance and reviews progress

Videoconference, 7 September — The ECAC/EU Sustainable Aviation Fuels Task Group (SAF-TG) reviewed the main outcomes of the workshop on SAF reporting and claiming held on 6 July 2022, and invited Fuels Europe to provide its views on a SAF trading mechanism to comply with regulatory requirements and claim SAF benefits. Part of the meeting was also dedicated to revising the draft SAF guidance document currently being developed. The next meeting will be held on 13 October 2022. ■

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Aviation cyber security experts make progress on new guidance and recommendations

Videoconference, 5-6 September

— Developing guidance on cyber penetration testing, recommendations on aviation oversight models in cyber security, and risk management in the supply chain were the main topics discussed by the Study Group on Cyber

Security in Civil Aviation at its September meeting. The meeting reviewed progress made on the group's 2022 work programme and agreed on its priorities for 2023. Participants thanked outgoing chair, Helena Hallauer (Switzerland), who has led the group's work for two

consecutive mandates, and welcomed newly appointed chair, David Nieto (Spain) and deputy chair, Katharina Kirisits (Austria).

New training documents for the ECAC Aviation Security Handbook

Paris/videoconference, 8-9 September

— Several new documents for inclusion in the ECAC Aviation Security Handbook were endorsed at the 51st meeting of the ECAC Training Task Force. The documents included best practices for risk assessment training, and best practices for training on the use of shoe explosive detection (SED) and shoe metal detection (SMD) equipment.

Having discussed the challenges and lessons learnt from training screeners who interpret 2D and/or 3D x-ray images, the task force agreed to update the existing screener training guidance and to develop, in 2023, a new document on selecting screeners, in order to further support Member States to effectively deploy and use Standard 3 explosive detection systems (EDS) and explosive detection systems for cabin baggage (EDSCB), based on computed tomography (CT) technology.



Task force develops guidance on the role of technical innovations in addressing emerging threats

Videoconference, 19-20 September

— The role of technical innovations in addressing current and emerging threats, and challenges relating to the use of security equipment were the focus of discussions at the 56th Guidance Material Task Force meeting. The group agreed to develop three new documents in 2023 to promote technical innovations and the deployment of advanced security technologies. The purpose of these documents is to provide ECAC Member States with best practices to certify/approve security equipment and acceptance testing of security equipment.

The task force endorsed several new guidance documents, including on interpreting the ICAO Risk Context Statement and its use in threat and risk assessment, and on using an explosive trace detection (ETD) test kit: procedure for implementing independent testing by the Appropriate Authority. Guidance on the alarm resolution process of EDS Standard 3 and guidance material on background checks were also updated. Several new and updated documents were finalised by the end of September 2022.

Explosive Detection Dogs Study Group sets out plans for 2023

Copenhagen/hybrid, 21-23 September

— The Explosive Detection Dogs Study Group (EDD) reviewed progress on its 2022 work programme and agreed on its priorities for 2023. Recent developments in States that use EDD or that are considering creating an EDD programme were reviewed, and participants discussed guidance on screening people, and reviewed the agenda and presentations for the November EDD workshop to be held in Paris. They also reflected on possible inputs to the European Commission's amendments to the EU legislation laying down detailed measures for the implementation of the common basic standards on aviation security. ■

European preparations for the ICAO Assembly

September — The European coordination groups on environment, facilitation, economic matters, aviation security, cyber security, and safety and air navigation met throughout September for the last lap of preparations before the 41st session of the ICAO Assembly. The groups discussed Europe's priorities for the Assembly from the perspectives of their respective thematic domains, reviewed the available working papers, and considered the European positions on the papers in their domains. ■

Legal Task Force

Paris/hybrid, 14 September — Chaired for the first time by Machteld Cambridge (Netherlands), the ECAC Legal Task Force reviewed the working papers under the Legal Commission of the ICAO Assembly, and considered the European positions on these papers. Having discussed the group's performance against its 2022 work programme, the task force agreed on its 2023 work programme, which will be presented to Directors General in December. ■

What's on in October?

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| 5 | 13 th Familiarisation webinar on basic knowledge on aviation and the environment (ENV-FAMWEB/13), videoconference | 25-26 | 36 th meeting of the Security Forum (SF/36), videoconference |
| 6 | 4 th coordination meeting of the CEP participating test centres (CEP-TC/4), videoconference | 25-26 | 37 th meeting of the EAEG Aircraft Noise Modelling Task Group (EAEG-AIRMOD/37), Paris |
| 11-12 | 83 rd meeting of the Technical Task Force (TTF/83), Berlin/hybrid | 26-27 | 55 th meeting of the Common Evaluation Process Management Group (CEP-MG/55), videoconference |
| 13-14 | 33 rd meeting of the Behaviour Detection Study Group (BDSG/33), Paris/hybrid | 26 | 70 th meeting of the Facilitation Sub-Group on the Transport of Persons with Reduced Mobility (FAL-PRM/70), Paris |
| 13 | 9 th meeting of the EAEG Sustainable Aviation Fuels Task Group (SAFTG/9), videoconference | 27 | 3 rd meeting of the Facilitation-PRM experts and the FAL-PRM Sub-Group (FAL-PRM-EXPERT/3), Paris |
| 19-20 | 14 th meeting of the Economic Working Group (ECO/14), videoconference | 27 | 3 rd meeting of the Network of Communication Specialists (NETCOM/3), videoconference |
| 19-20 | 57 th meeting of the Air Accident and Incident Investigation Group of Experts (ACC/57), videoconference | 28 | 36 th meeting of the Security Programme Management Group (SPMG/36), Stockholm |
| 25 | 54 th meeting of the Facilitation Sub-Group on Immigration (FAL-IMMIGRAT-SG/54), Paris | | |

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