



COORDINATING COMMITTEE

ECAC Coordinating Committee meets with United States' government representatives in Washington

Washington DC, 9–10 June 2025 — Members of the ECAC Coordinating Committee were welcomed in Washington DC by representatives from the Department

of State, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the Department of Transportation and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA).



This 29th bilateral meeting between the two delegations (CC-US/29) offered a valuable opportunity for ECAC to gain insight into recent US developments, notably on safety and ATM modernisation, and priority areas of work, while also facilitating a fruitful exchange of views on shared challenges such as research on contrails and security technology.

The meeting covered a broad range of key topics, including aviation safety, security, economic regulation, environmental matters, and ICAO-related issues, in preparation for the upcoming 42nd ICAO Assembly (23 September – 3 October 2025). The discussions reaffirmed both sides' strong commitment to continued cooperation aimed at identifying solutions to the challenges facing the aviation ecosystem.

On the second day, ECAC delegates visited the TSA Systems Integration Facility (TSIF) (photo left), where they gained valuable insight into TSA operational testing of security equipment. ●



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First meeting of the ECAC Group on Security Testing

London/videoconference, 4-5 June 2025

— The new ECAC Group on Security Testing (STG) held its first meeting in London to discuss its proposed three-year strategy and 2025 work programme.

The objective of this new group, as agreed by Directors General, is to foster cooperation between all ECAC Member States in the field of security testing and enhance the effectiveness of their security testing programmes. This will be achieved through the following actions:

- Sharing knowledge and experience among security testing experts;
- Exchanging information on lessons learnt, trends and developments in security testing;
- Sharing best practices on covert testing, including assessing the effectiveness of screening when advanced security technologies are used;
- Identifying common challenges in

developing and conducting covert and overt tests, and developing necessary guidelines and best practices;

- Harmonising testing programmes across Member States;
- Assisting Member States in implementing and improving their covert testing programmes and/or procedures;
- Contributing to the implementation of the ECAC Capacity-Building Programme through expert input.

During the meeting, the group agreed to develop three new documents on various aspects of overt and covert testing for inclusion in the ECAC Aviation Security Handbook in 2025, for the benefit of ECAC Member States.



Security Programme Management Group discusses 2025 work programme

Videoconference, 23 June 2025 — The spring meeting of the Security Programme Management Group, chaired by Gunnar Ljungberg, DGCA Sweden and Focal Point for Security, provided an opportunity to review progress on implementation of the 2025 work programme for the security groups, task forces and study groups and to agree on the way forward – particularly regarding new performance standards for explosive detection dogs and 3D image quality standard test piece for security equipment.

Behaviour Detection Study Group progresses on workshop preparations, strategy and document updates

Videoconference, 18-19 June 2025 — The ECAC Behaviour Detection Study Group held its 41st meeting to review preparations for the Behaviour Detection (BD) Research and Development Workshop, scheduled for 2-3 September 2025 in Berlin. The workshop will focus on innovations in behaviour detection training and recruitment.

The group also discussed progress on its five-year strategy and the development of two new documents:

- Insider threat and behaviour detection in aviation security, and
- The role of the interviewer in behaviour detection).

These documents, along with the revised Doc 30, Part II (*Security*) Chapter 15 on behaviour detection, are expected to be finalised in September 2025. The five-year strategy will reflect current needs, required adaptations and new objectives to support the evolving BD programmes of Member States.

Additionally, the moderator shared positive feedback from the May Security Forum meeting in Riga, where the group's latest guidance paper on interviewing was described as «excellent, with a broader application as guidance for recruitment and alarm resolution interviews». Members welcomed this recognition of BD principles as being valuable across wider areas of aviation security.

Signature of Memorandum of Understanding with the US authorities on ECAC Common Evaluation Process



Washington DC, 9 June 2025 — On 9 June 2025, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the United States Transportation Security Administration (TSA), the Department of Homeland Security – Science and Technology Directorate (DHS), and the European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC).

The MOU, signed by Julie Brewer (Acting Under Secretary, DHS), Ha McNeill (Acting TSA Administrator), and Alessio Quaranta (ECAC President) (from left to right in above photo), formalises US participation in the ECAC Common Evaluation Process (CEP) of security equipment. This cooperation aims to harmonise European and US security equipment standards and testing methodologies, enhancing mutual recognition and strengthening global aviation security.

CEP Management Group welcomes US Transportation Security Administration

Paris/videoconference, 18 June — The 65th meeting of the ECAC Common Evaluation Process Management Group took place on 18 June in Paris, hosted by the French Directorate General for Civil Aviation.

A key highlight of the meeting was the first participation of the United States Transportation Security Administration (TSA) as an Associated Authority. The management group welcomed TSA's involvement, emphasising the value of their expertise and the additional capacity for testing that they will provide to the CEP.

Discussions focused on reviewing outstanding actions from the previous meeting, ongoing and upcoming test activities, and progress on the explosive trace detection testing campaign. Participants heard updates on the work of the Common Testing Methodologies Sub-Group, the CEP frequently asked questions, and implementation of the 2025 work programme.

Technical Task Force advances with 3D image quality standard test piece for security equipment

Mandello del Lario/videoconference, 11-12 June 2025 — Technical experts gathered in Italy for the 91st meeting of the ECAC Technical Task Force (TTF) to discuss the latest advances in aviation security equipment.

A key focus of discussions was the development of the 3D image quality Standard Test Piece (STP), led by France. Norway presented the preliminary test results using the new STP, and the meeting noted the importance of defining robust image quality benchmarks. Member States were encouraged to incorporate the STP into their national testing programmes to support data collection for future standardisation efforts.

Further progress was reported on the development of simulants for security equipment testing, with a draft protocol expected this summer.

On common routine testing methodologies (CRTM), the task force confirmed plans to update the CRTMs for EDS equipment. A draft is expected to be presented at the next meeting in October 2025.

Participants expressed their appreciation to Italy and Gilardoni S.p.A. for hosting a technical visit to their production and testing facilities in the margins of the meeting. ●



Technical Task Force members at their 91st meeting in Mandello del Lario



LEGAL MATTERS

ECAC Legal Task Force reviews outcomes of Diplomatic Conference and ICAO legal developments

Videoconference, 18 June 2025 — The 53rd meeting of the ECAC Legal Task Force reviewed the outcomes of the recent Diplomatic Conference (Paris, 20–22 May 2025), which concluded with the adoption of the Convention on the Bureau of the European Civil Aviation Conference. The group examined the legal structure of the new Bureau, and the procedures for signature and ratification.

The group furthermore reviewed recent ICAO legal developments, including work under Article 12 of the Chicago Convention, the legal framework for unmanned aircraft operations, and data protection in the context of international air transport.

Members also discussed the ICAO Council's decision of 12 May 2025 in the case concerning the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17,

which marks the first time ICAO has addressed the merits of a dispute between Member States under the organisation's dispute settlement mechanism. The Council found the Russian Federation in breach of Article 3bis of the Chicago Convention.

In closing, the group expressed its appreciation to Machteld Cambridge (Netherlands) for her leadership as chair of the task force since May 2022. The ECAC Secretariat joins the group in thanking Ms Cambridge for her commitment and strong leadership of the task force in recent years and wishes her all the best in her future activities. The process to appoint her successor is currently underway. ●



DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

ECAC network shares strategies for advancing diversity and inclusion in aviation

Stockholm/videoconference, 24 June 2025 — The tenth meeting of the ECAC Network on Diversity and Inclusion in Civil Aviation, kindly hosted by the Swedish Transport Agency in Stockholm, was chaired by Giovanna Laschena (Italy) and brought together representatives from ECAC Member States and regional sister organisations AFCAC and LACAC to share experiences and ideas on advancing inclusion in civil aviation.

Discussions explored national practices, sector-specific challenges, and the importance of tailoring diversity strategies to different social and institutional contexts.

A highlight of the meeting was the intervention by Alexandra Lindgren Kaoukji, Head of External Communications and PR at Scandinavian Airlines (SAS), who shared valuable insights on fostering inclusive workplaces across borders.

The group continued its work towards implementing the 2025 work programme, with discussions focusing on a proposed KPI-based model for measuring progress in diversity and inclusion, alongside the results from a recent diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) training needs assessment.

Participants also reviewed a draft training model shaped by input from Member States, emphasising blended learning approaches, leadership engagement, and sector-specific content. ●



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What's on in July and August?

- 9 July: 83rd meeting of the European Aviation and Environment Working Group (Expanded) (EAEG/83(EXP), videoconference
- 23 July: Meeting of the European Coordination Group on Aviation Security (ECG-AS), videoconference
- 25 July: Meeting of the European Coordination Group on Cyber Security (ECG-CS), videoconference
- 29 July: 43rd meeting of the European Safety and Air Navigation Coordination Group (ESANCG/43), videoconference
- 27 August: Meeting of the European Coordination Group on Aviation Security (ECG-AS), videoconference
- 28 August: 205th meeting of the Coordinating Committee (CC/205), Bern
- 28-30 August: 74th Special meeting of Directors General of Civil Aviation (DGCA(SP)/74), Bern

