

iPACKs: Implementation Packages in support of aviation recovery from COVID-19

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I. WELCOME

Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, the ICAO EUR/NAT Regional Office has been actively engaged in supporting you: States and the aviation industry at regional and national levels, in collaboration with relevant international and regional organizations, including EASA and IAC. Our support activities focus on the planning of post COVID-19 pandemic recovery and the restart of aviation operations. It is a pleasure to inform you in this edition of the RD Brief about a special assistance measure, the so-called “iPACKs” (Implementation Packages).

Continue reading to find out more!

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II. WHAT ARE iPACKs ?

As an essential part of its implementation support strategy, ICAO is making available a series of Implementation Packages (iPACKs). iPACKs address aspects related to aviation safety, risk management, public health-related measures, facilitation, aviation security, aerodromes, air navigation services and air transport and economics.

An iPACK is a bundle of standardized information which aims to facilitate and guide the implementation of ICAO provisions for State and industry entities, e.g. Civil Aviation Authorities, aviation service providers, supply chain stakeholders and their personnel, etc. It is a self-contained package composed of the relevant:

- **guidance material**, including ICAO Annexes, Documents, Circulars, best-practices papers or other associated guidance material;
- **standardized training**, including standardized and competency-based trainings, in classroom, online or virtual formats;
- **tools**, including data-driven applications, online reporting systems, electronic management systems or questionnaire/surveys;
- **subject matter expertise**, including the provision of experts to support States in their activities; and
- **guidance for procurement**, with regards to the purchase of infrastructure or equipment.

III. IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT TO AVIATION RECOVERY

COVID-19 iPACKs

Several dedicated COVID-19 iPACKs are being developed to facilitate alignment with the measures and recommendations contained in the Council Aviation Recovery Task Force (CART) Report and the *Take off Guidance Document* (<https://www.icao.int/covid/cart/Pages/default.aspx>). Their objectives are to:

- support States in their aviation restart, recovery and resilience efforts as well as re-engagement with industry;
- apply the most up-to-date ICAO provisions and other international requirements and guidance related to public health; and
- provide an “all-in-one” and user-friendly bundle of implementation support.

The deployment of these iPACKs is coordinated by the ICAO Technical Cooperation Bureau (TCB) with the support of the Air Navigation and Air Transport Bureaus and ICAO Regional Offices. iPACKs may be customized to address specific needs of Contracting States to which the EUR/NAT Office is accredited. Two iPACKs have already been finalized, where a dedicated expert will work remotely with the CAA, coaching and guiding their implementation efforts:

- **Strengthening National Air Transport Facilitation Committees for the Restart, Recovery and Resilience of Civil Aviation**



The goal of this iPACK is to apply Annex 9 provisions for the establishment and operation of a resilient and robust National Facilitation Committee in cooperation with all stakeholders, including Public Health authorities with remote communication protocols in response to pandemics.

- **Aviation Safety Risk Management related to COVID-19 for CAAs**



The goal of this iPACK is to apply safety risk management principles to improve decision making to address COVID-19 challenges and support safe aircraft operations. Reference will be made to the *ICAO Handbook for CAAs on the management of aviation safety risks related to COVID-19* (Doc 10144), available in all ICAO languages at: <https://www.icao.int/safety/SafetyManagement/Pages/COVID-19-Safety-Risk-Management.aspx>

ICAO will continue to develop, offer, promote and periodically enhance iPACKs to support States and the aviation industry, taking into account their priority needs. Additional iPACKs are under development. More information can be found at: <http://www.icao.int/iPack>

COVID-19 Response and Recovery Implementation Centre (CRRIC)

To support and monitor the implementation of the measures and recommendations of the CART report, ICAO has created the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Implementation Centre (CRRIC). This online secure portal hosts several tools to be used by States and ICAO to share information, experiences and challenges experienced regarding the implementation of the CART Recommendations, as well as to monitor and gather data and statistics regarding the implementation activities. A series of Webinars have been made available to the ICAO EUR/NAT States of Accreditation in English, Spanish and French to inform States' focal points and users on how to use the different CRRIC tools ([https://www.icao.int/Meetings/webinar-series/Pages/COVID-19-Response-and-Recovery-Implementation-Centre-\(CRRIC\).aspx](https://www.icao.int/Meetings/webinar-series/Pages/COVID-19-Response-and-Recovery-Implementation-Centre-(CRRIC).aspx)).



<https://portal.icao.int/crric>

The data collected through the CRRIC is used to report on the effectiveness of ICAO's support activities, identify the need for additional iPACKs, and provide information to the responsible ICAO Secretariat groups. In addition, the data collected will enable the ICAO Secretariat to provide the Council with the appropriate data and information.

A dedicated ICAO CART website provides access to all ICAO implementation packages, including those which are hosted on the TCB website. In addition, the website provides direct links to the COVID-19 Response and Recovery and the Resource Mobilization Platforms. The website addresses specific measures of the report with links to assistance activities delivered by CASPCA or other public health corridor initiatives. As part of the monitoring and assessment, the Secretariat Global Implementation Roadmap, which integrates the various activities performed at global and regional levels, is highlighted on the CRRIC for ease of access to the various role players.

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IV. EUR/NAT TRAINING, WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS

Implementation Package (iPACK) click [here](#)

ICAO Webinar on the concept of iPACKs
05 August 2020, 16.00 h (Paris time)
For more details and information [click here](#)

COVID-19 Response and Recovery Implementation Centre CRRIC (secure
portal) click [here](#)

EUR/NAT events schedule click [here](#)

V. THE EUR/NAT Team

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of a workshop on Financing Mechanisms to be
held on 7 and 8 September 2020.*