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EACCC Provisional COVID-19 Report

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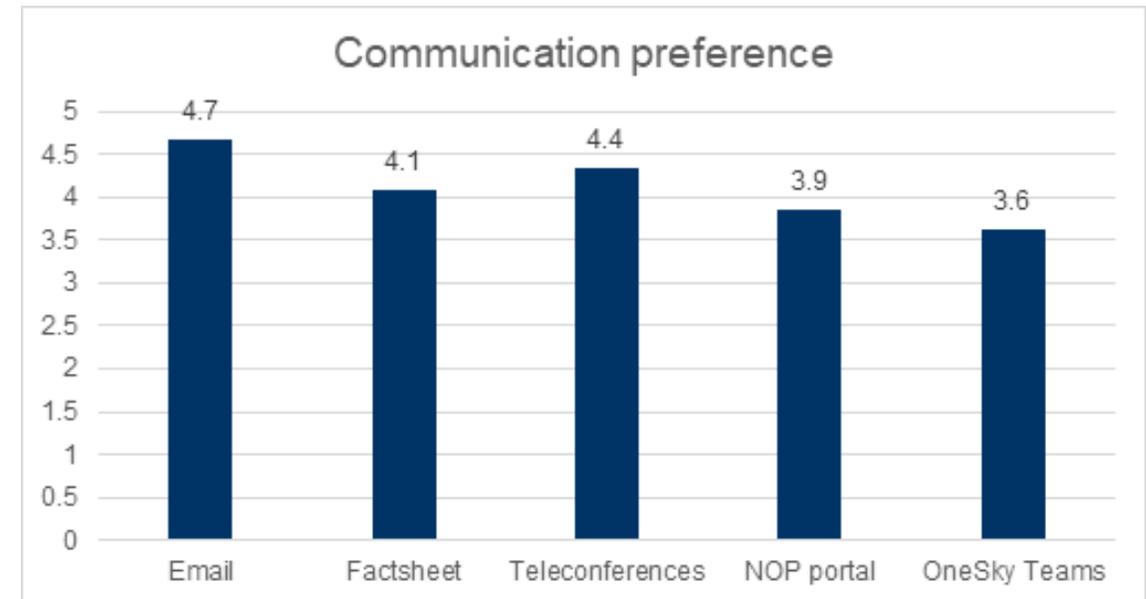
COVID-19 evaluation report purpose

- Summarise the COVID-19 main events and the EACCC response
- Determine if the EACCC activities:
 - Were in line with the Implementing Regulation 2019/123
 - Did meet the expectations of the stakeholders (EACCC members and SFPs)
- Identify shortcomings and recommend improvements

The report can be used as input for a larger discussion about a future evolution of the EACCC and related guidance material (e.g. ICAO EUR Doc 031).

Crisis communication and information provision

- Information provision was perceived as adequate and sufficient
- Information from states was often at last minute
- NOTAMs were initially not harmonised and follow up was not sufficient
- NOTAMs are not optimal for complex, verbose information



Conclusions

1. The coordination and information provision by the EACCC is necessary and appreciated.
2. The pandemic was not, primarily, a network crisis. It was a societal crisis with a catastrophic impact on aviation.
 - a) This limited the influence that the aviation sector had on discussions.
 - b) The (aviation) State Focal Points were not always involved in the decision making and information chain.
 - c) The State decisions were announced on short notice.
3. Crisis organisation structures have a limited lifetime. After some time, they become less effective.
4. Exercises are useful as preparation but have limitations.

Recommendations

1. The EU aviation crisis management framework, associated tools and guidance material (e.g. EUR Doc 031) need to evolve to manage crisis affecting aviation and not only network crisis.
2. The expectation regarding EACCC role, scope and its objectives need to be clarified in light of the COVID-19 experience.
3. The intersectoral cooperation can and should be improved.
4. The level of participation (expert, senior etc...) to EACCC could be harmonized according to its objectives (coordination or decision making). This could further facilitate the discussions within the EACCC.