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Overcoming obstacles towards seamless skies

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The complexity of the European frameworks for cooperation in aviation has affected the region's ATM/ANS for many decades









Air transport market liberalization resulting 3x growth of traffic in 20 years

Fragmentation of European airspace, complex and with inefficient route structures

Lack of **interoperability** of ATM/ANS infrastructure

- → Increased delays
- → Increased costs inefficiencies
- → Degradation of safety
- → Environmental impact

Regional solutions at all levels were required to tackle these problems

...the Single European Sky (SES) initiative was born

A performance-based approach was launched to transform European air navigation, starting with policy ambitions





SES was guided through two legislative packages along with strong institutional and technological threads

→ These packages (SES I in 2004 & SES II in 2009) were aimed at harmonising the regulatory framework and ensuring a level playing field for air navigation services

Safety

The competence of EASA was extended, among others, to cover ATM/ANS safety and related rules



Technology

Modernising and harmonising European ATM infrastructure through the SESAR R&D Programme & SESAR Deployment Programme



Definition of **network functions** under the responsibility of the **Network Manager**

(Executed by Eurocontrol until 2029)



Performance

A performance scheme and charging scheme to ensure that air navigation services meet defined safety, capacity, cost-efficiency and environmental targets



PERFORMANCE & CHARGING SCHEME FOR ATM/ANS

SES is strongly **performance-driven**. It includes a **performance & charging scheme** setting binding targets to be achieved by the ANSPs.

It also includes **tools** that are expected to significantly enhance performance in key areas.

- 4 KPAs: Cost-Efficiency, Capacity, Safety & Environment with associated KPIs
- Targets are set at the EU level, national level, or by airspace blocks
- SES Member States report local performance and how they contribute to the Union-wide targets
- Provides financial incentives (bonuses or penalties) for en route and terminal capacity, cost-efficiency and environment for the achievement of the set targets
- Cost bases for charges related to the provision of ANS, unit rates and methods for the calculation of charges



INITIATIVES TOWARDS SEAMLESS SKIES

Several EU initiatives have been deployed in support of seamless skies, to enhance the efficiency of ATM/ANS, reduce the fragmentation of airspace, and increase the interoperability of systems

EASA Standardisation activities

European **ATM Master** Plan

ATM R&D initiatives: **SESAR**

Conformity assessment framework for **ATM/ANS**

EASA STANDARDISATION ACTIVITIES

EASA plays a pivotal role in the standardisation of safety and security protocols in support of the SES objectives.

Regional standardisation has brought several benefits to EU aviation institutions and ATM/ANS industry.



- 1 EASA monitors in all EASA states how each country applies the common EU rules on aviation safety
- Two types of activities: (i) Inspection of national authorities and service providers, and (ii) monitoring of the application of EU safety regulations
- 3 Main benefits:
 - (i) A higher uniform level of aviation safety across the EU
 - (ii) mutual recognition of certificates
 - (iii) increased recognition by international partners



EUROPEAN ATM MASTER PLAN

The European ATM Master Plan is the guidance tool that coordinates the modernisation of European ATM/ANS.

The Plan calls for an acceleration of the **digitalisation** of aviation infrastructure to offer new capabilities.







- Lays out a common roadmap for all regional air navigation stakeholders. It is aligned with the GANP
- Ensures consistency and alignment of the deployment of **SESAR R&D** concepts and solutions
- Consisting of three levels: (i) Executive, (ii) Planning & Architecture view, and (iii) Implementation view
- Details the **SESAR long-term vision** (2040): Resilience, scalability and integration of ATM with UTM



R&D INITIATIVES: SESAR PROGRAMME

The SESAR programme was launched to bring the **transformation of ATM/ANS** in Europe.

SESAR Joint Undertaking is a Public Private Partnership with industry and service providers.





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CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK FOR ATM/ANS

As systems become more interconnected, digitalized and automated, the need for them to be as **interoperable** and **standardized** as possible increases.

A regulatory basis has been developed to ensure the interoperability of **ATM/ANS equipment** in EU.





- 1 Enhance harmonisation for ATM/ANS equipment and manufacturers and drive innovation
- Specifications and common requirements based on recognised standards such as **EUROCAE** and **ICAO**
- Framework entered into force in September 2023 with a 5-year transition period
- Ground ATM/ANS equipment will require different assessment processes based on their criticality



Thank you for your attention!

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