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CAPSCA Roles Overview



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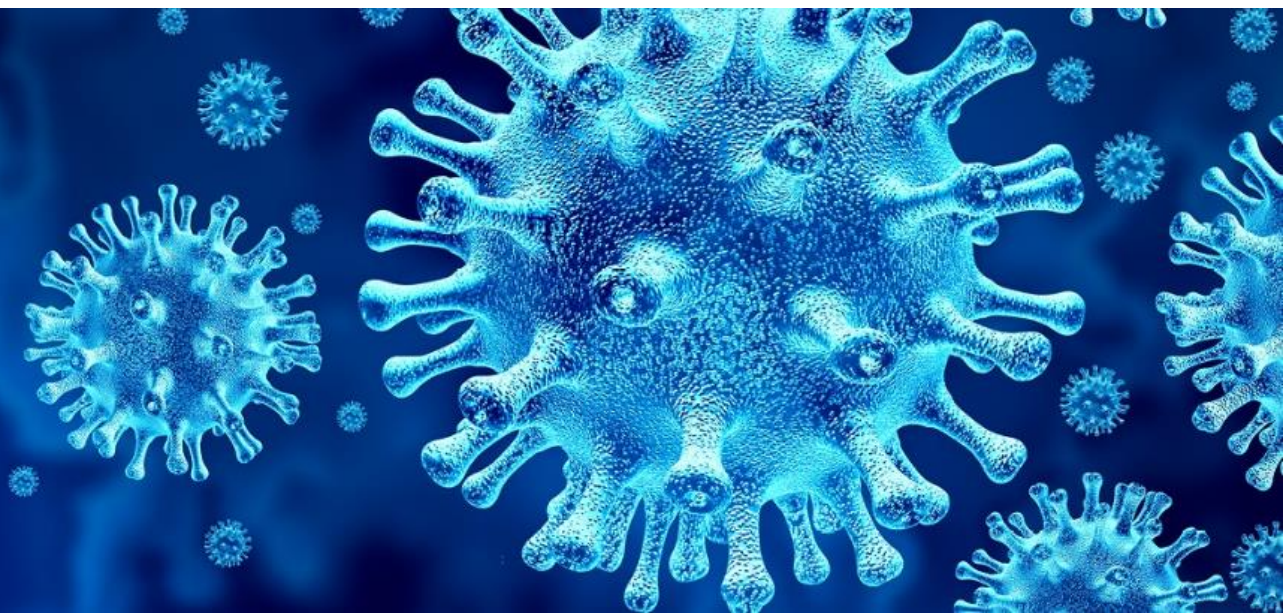
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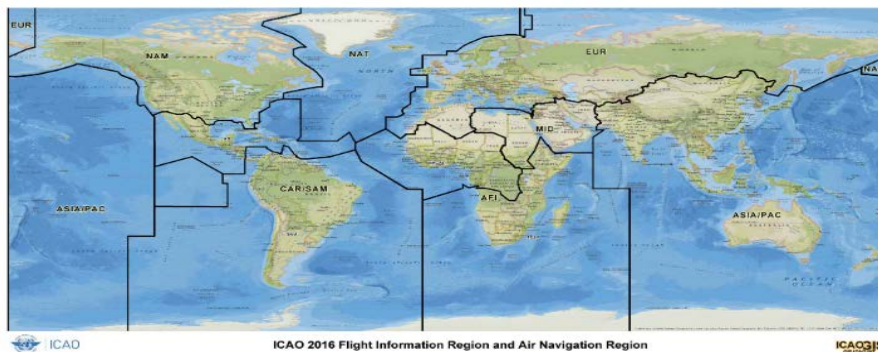
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Regional context and complexities

ICAO European and North Atlantic Regions



Accredited to 56 Contracting States

A geographical area of responsibility stretching from the North Pole to the Sahara and from the Eastern Coast of North America to the Bering Strait (i.e. across 14 time zones) and 5 out of the 6 Official languages.

Special arrangements with Canada and USA

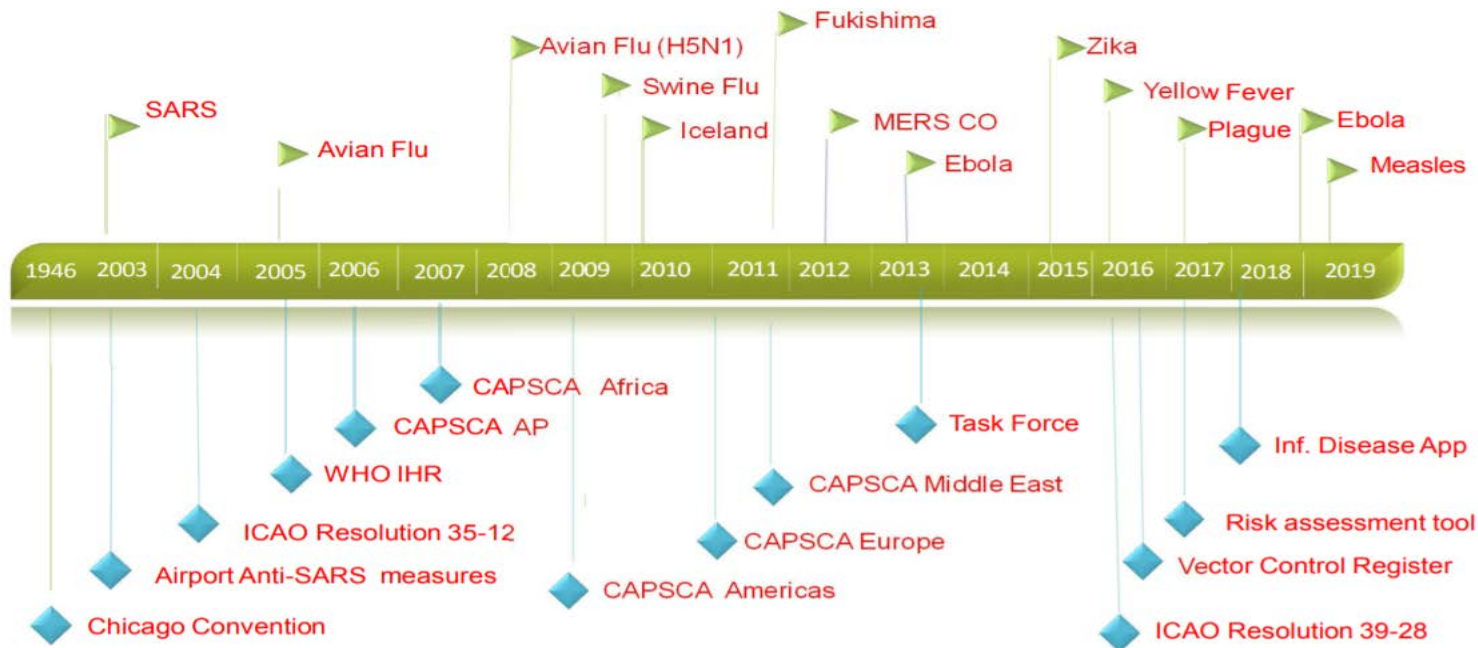
Inter-regional interface with APAC, MID, AFI, NACC, SAT

Diversity of needs and priorities



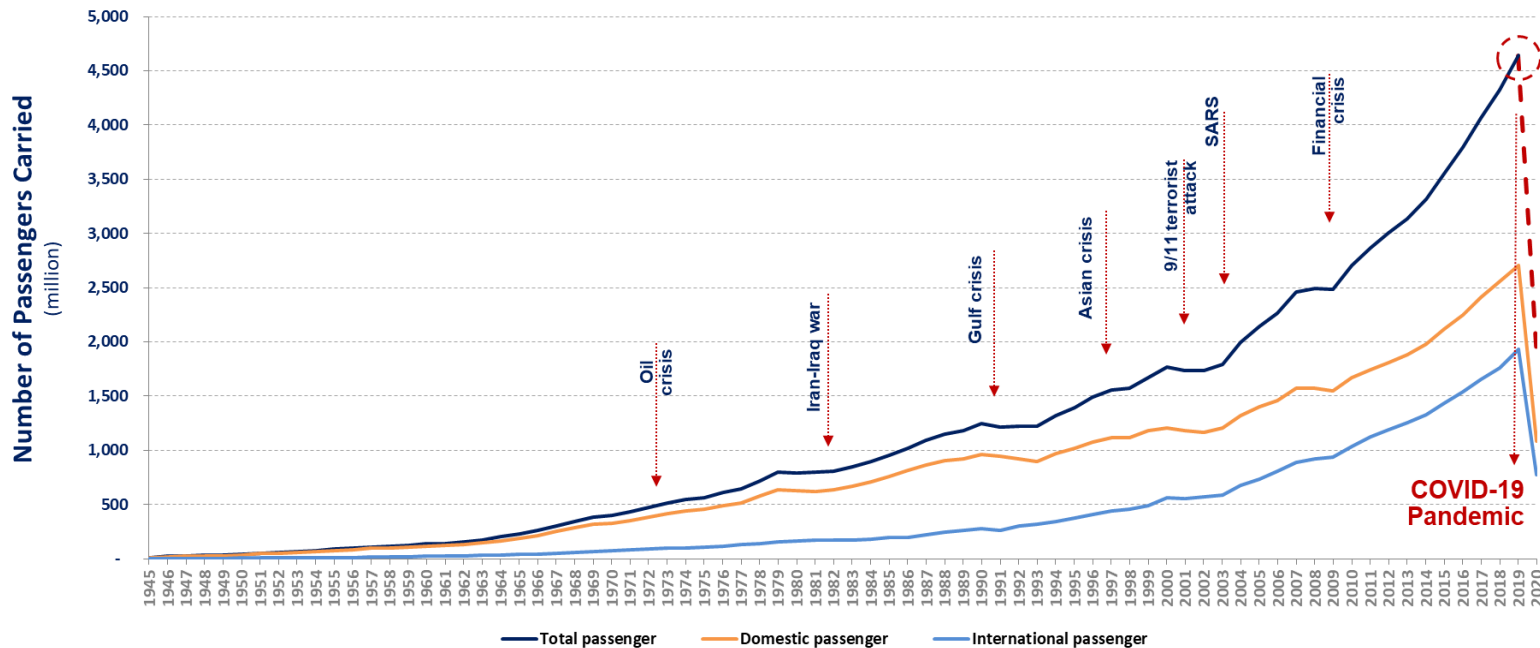


The World from the CAPSCA perspective





A picture is worth ...



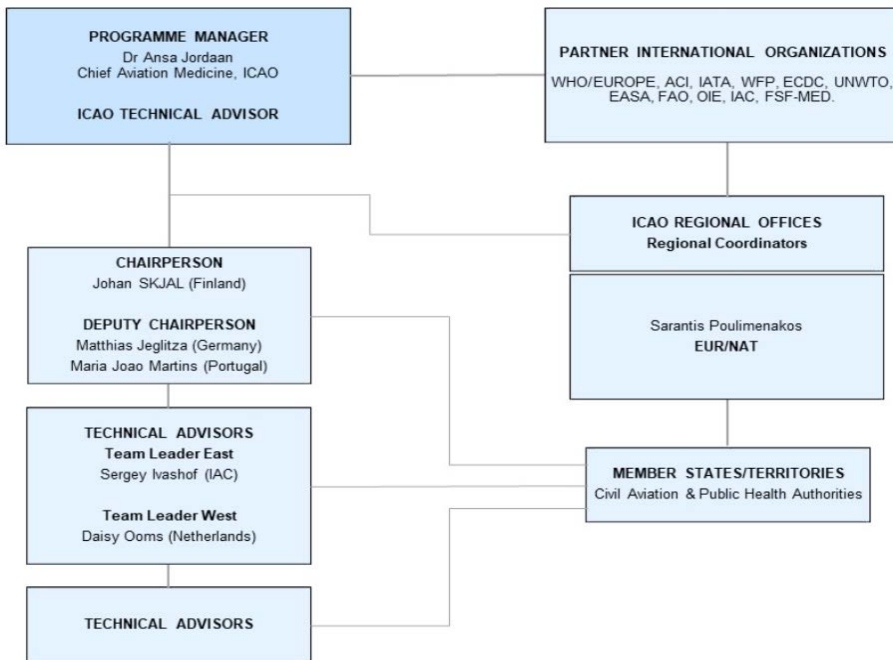


ARE PANDEMICS NEW? HOW ABOUT CORONAVIRUSES?

- Pandemic is an ancient Greek word, so it exists for more than 3000 years of historic records.
- In the recent past, 19 years ago (2003), SARS affected 26 States...and then MERS...
- The SARS-related coronavirus was one of several viruses identified by the World Health Organization (WHO) in 2016 as a likely cause of a future epidemic.
- In February 2019, CAPSCA drafted a table top exercise scenario for the EC/Network Manager/EACCC with a coronavirus epidemic in Europe.



Structure of CAPSCA-EUR –EST 2011-41 States





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- Strengths:
 - A bridge inbetween Aviation and Public Health sectors
 - It is not a project with limited time span, but a long-lasting component of ICAO global workprogram
 - Established network of front line public health and aviation experts: YOU
 - Support States both during the preparedness phase and during crisis
 - Multisectoral structure, a unique platform to coordinate with other International Organizations during crisis
 - Involves all the ICAO Bureaus and Regional Offices and reaches all 193 ICAO States with 'Think global – act local concept'



CAPSCA -

- Challenges :
 - Scarce CAPSCA resources at ICAO HQ and at EUR/NAT Office
 - CAPSCA is NOT funded by the ICAO regular budget, only from Voluntary Funds
 - Many regulatory activities with less Implementation activities/support to States
 - Complex institutional environment
 - Lack of preparations for different types of crises (e.g. Biological warfare, radiation etc.)
 - Lack of harmonization of procedures among States/Guidelines/Sovereignty

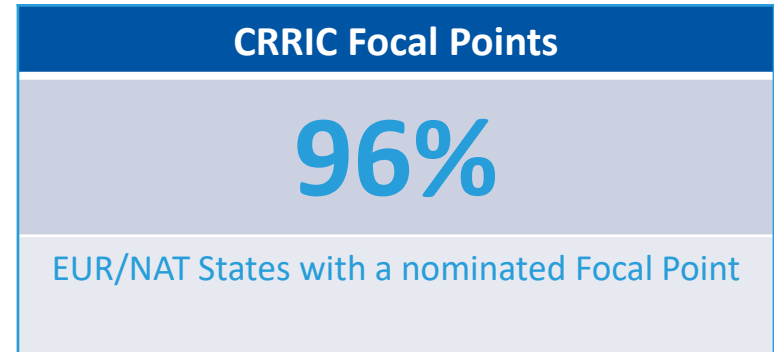


ICAO CAPSCA EUR Activities /COVID 19 period

- Development and release of the CAPSCA online Training (January 2020)/JAA TO presentation will follow
- Increased the number of CAPSCA EUR States by 13.
- Daily updates/official info for COVID-19 during infodemic/info repository
- EUR/NAT States' restrictions updated weekly
- Coordination with EASA on the implementation of PH Guidelines
- Lessons learned registry



- CRRIC Focal Point(s) nominated by each Member State
 - Enables the coordination within States of the reporting on the implementation of the CART Recommendations
- Of the 56 States to which ICAO EUR/NAT Regional Office is accredited:
 - 54 have a CRRIC Focal Point





Public Health measures Implementation levels for EUR/NAT States

(Source: CRRIC Public Health Risk Mitigation Measures - 04 November 2020)

CART REC-04: Global and regional harmonization of procedures is essential to strengthen public and passenger confidence in air travel. To that end, Member States should establish aviation public health procedures aligned with the guidance in the Take-off: Guidance for Air Travel through the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis.

CART REC-05: In order to support the fastest possible return to normal aviation operations, Member States should regularly review the necessity of continuing the application of risk mitigation measures as the risk of COVID-19 transmission diminishes; and measures which are no longer needed should be discontinued.

CRRIC tool: Public Health Risk Mitigation Measures

- Contains the CART Take-off document measures applicable to States, airport operators, airlines, and others in the air transport industry.
- To assist States to monitor the Public health measures adopted when implementing CART recommendations.



Public Health measures Implementation - Guidance to States

- **EASA-ECDC COVID-19 Aviation Health Safety Protocol** as an aligned acceptable means of compliance

EUR/NAT Letter 20-0406.TEC



- **Inspection checklists** to support monitoring of implementation available upon request





Way forward-just few thoughts

- Further development of the already established cooperation with different organizations like EASA, ECDC, EU Healthy Gateways, WHO Europe.
- Enhance coordination to support the States/optimize resources
 - within ICAO: Plan interregional activities and;
 - within the IOs (EASA-ECDC-EU-WHO-ACI-IATA)
- Develop e-tools and e-docs/templates, develop virtual technical assistance and OJT for the States.
- The new reality will not be the same so CAPSCA would remain the same??

What do you need from the new CAPSCA??

The floor now belongs to the States...we are listening



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