CAPSCA EUR-MID/13
(Paris, France, 7-9 October2026)

CAPSCA EUR-MID/13 OUTCOMES

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION



Introduction

- The CAPSCA EUR-MID/13 meeting was held in Paris, from 7 to 9 October 2026.
- The meeting is organized jointly by the ICAO EUR/NAT and MID Office, in close coordination with the World Health Organization (WHO) and other CAPSCA partners.
- 66 Participants (in-person and online) from 15 EUR/NAT and 9 MID States + Brazil attended the meeting, as well as 8 international organizations and partner entities
- The ICAO EUR/NAT Office received only 1 nomination letter from Portugal for the chairmanship of CAPSCA EUR; and accordingly Dr. Maria João Martins was elected unanimously as the CAPSCA EUR Chairperson
- The ICAO MID Office received only 1 nomination letter from Jordan for the chairmanship of CAPSCA MID; and accordingly Dr. Khalil M. Khalil was reelected as the CAPSCA MID Chairperson for another term.

Objective

The CAPSCA EUR-MID/13 meeting provided a valuable forum for strengthening collaboration and fostering face-to-face dialogue and networking among experts from Civil Aviation and Public Health Authorities, as well as CAPSCA partners. Its main objective was to enhance coordination and cooperation among all relevant stakeholders, particularly civil aviation and public health authorities, in order to strengthen States' preparedness and response planning for public health events and mitigate associated risks to human health and aviation operations. The meeting also provided an opportunity to review global and regional developments under ICAO/CAPSCA and WHO, receive updates from key CAPSCA partners, and share experiences and good practices among States, including practical approaches to aviation public health preparedness, communicable disease management, and airport-level coordination. Particular emphasis was placed on lessons learned from recent outbreaks, preparedness for future public health emergencies in civil aviation, and the importance of effective multisectoral coordination between civil aviation and public health authorities.

Key Takeaways/CAPSCA EUR-MID Enhancement Initiatives

1) ICAO to develop a questionnaire and conduct a biannual survey to assess and monitor States' preparedness and response planning for public health events.
2) States are encouraged to establish/strengthen mechanisms for coordination between civil aviation and maritime authorities, in collaboration with public health authorities, to facilitate a coordinated and effective response to public health emergencies affecting air and maritime transport.
3) States are encouraged to enhance collaboration, coordination and communication among all relevant stakeholders to strengthen preparedness and response to public health emergencies, including through regular simulation exercises and drills to validate preparedness arrangements, identify areas for improvement, and reinforce coordinated response mechanisms.
4) States are encouraged to share their experiences, practices and lessons learned in the use of advanced technologies and Artificial Intelligence (AI) for the early detection, monitoring and risk assessment of public health emergencies, with a view to promoting the exchange of knowledge and identifying opportunities for their effective application in aviation public health preparedness and response.
5) ICAO, WHO and all CAPSCA partners to develop guidance to support a harmonized approach to the implementation by States of aircraft disinsection and disinfection measures, taking into account applicable international standards, public health requirements, and operational considerations.

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6) Stakeholders are encouraged to share their experiences, practices and lessons learned regarding aircraft disinsection and disinfection during the CAPSCA EUR-MID/14 meeting, to support the exchange of knowledge and contribute to the development of harmonized approaches.
7) The Terms of Reference of the Contact Tracing Project Team (CT PT) are endorsed and the team is requested to provide an update on their progress during the CAPSCA EUR-MID/14 meeting.
8) States are urged to maintain preparedness by building on lessons learned from past events and leveraging the latest scientific research and developments.
9) States are further encouraged to collaborate to promote the adoption of harmonized, risk-based and evidence-informed measures to ensure a coordinated and proportionate response during public health events.

Dates and venue of CAPSCA EUR-MID/14 meeting:

The CAPSCA EUR-MID/14 meeting will be convened as in-person meeting in the MID Region. The meeting will be tentatively held in the fourth quarter of 2027 and hosted by UAE (TBC).

Thank You



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