



# Agenda Item 7: Strengthening Crisis Preparedness and Response

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### 2024 DGCA Summary

The 2024 EUR/NAT DGCA Meeting addressed key issues related to crisis preparedness and response, with the aim of strengthening the resilience of the air transport sector.



States were encouraged to take measures to ensure the effective functioning of Air Transport Facilitation Committees,



to utilize the guidance and support provided by CAPSCA,



and to further enhance cooperation on cybersecurity-related matters.



### **EUR Crisis Management Framework**



#### EUR Doc 031

Provides a standardized framework for the management of crisis situations affecting aviation within the EUR Region, regardless of the type of crisis



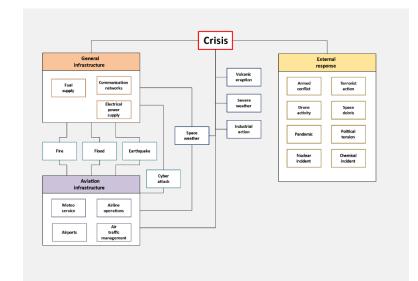
#### **EASPG Endorsement**

Second edition of EUR Doc 031 endorsed at EASPG/5 and disseminated through dedicated workshops and events



#### Stakeholder engagement

Workshops organized – including with EACCC State Focal Points,
ANSISG and CANSO Airspace
World – to introduce new guidance material and raise awareness





### **Operations Over or Near Conflict Zones**

- Regional seminars on conflict zone risk assessments to ensure safety and security of operations near conflict zones:
  - Almaty, November 2024
  - Marrakesh, April 2025
- Key takeaways:
  - Timely NOTAMs concerning potentially hazardous activities to civil aviation
  - These include, but are not limited to:
    - GNSS RFI
    - UAS and counter UAS operations
- States should use all available sources of information social media, coordination calls, commercial intelligence providers and national security agencies



## EUR/NAT-DGCA Conclusion 2025/1 – Addressing Risks associated with Operations near or over Conflict Zones

That the ICAO Regional Director, Europe and North Atlantic, urge States to:

- a) review and update their civil/military coordination procedures and mechanisms to ensure timely notification of activities potentially hazardous to civil aviation, and to take appropriate measures related to airspace restrictions and the dissemination of NOTAMs; and
- b) ensure that aircraft operators implement appropriate risk assessment measures when operating near or over conflict zones, in accordance with ICAO provisions and the Risk Assessment Manual for Civil Aircraft Operations Over or Near Conflict Zones (Doc 10084).



# CAO

### Cybersecurity

- ICAO EUR/NAT Regional Workshop on Cybersecurity
  - Belgrade, Serbia from 1 to 3 April 2025
  - Key topics: cybersecurity threat landscape, regulatory frameworks, implementation of regulations, and oversight mechanisms
  - Event concluded with a hands-on exercise for CAAs, ANSPs and airports
- States should continue to strengthen support for cybersecurity resilience initiatives to protect critical aviation infrastructure and prioritize the allocation of qualified personnel, dedicated financial resources, and designate focal points for cybersecurity



### EUR/NAT-DGCA Conclusion 2025/2 – Addressing Cybersecurity Risks in Civil Aviation

That the ICAO Regional Director, Europe and North Atlantic, urge States to review and update their cybersecurity oversight regulations and procedures based on the applicable ICAO provisions and Global Cyber Risk Considerations (Doc 10213) guidance, including for the implementation of appropriate cyber risk management systems and their integration with the existing civil aviation risk management systems.



### **GNSS Interference Risk Management**

- "EUR project team" established to develop contingency strategies and MON for Eastern Europe
- States should use existing mechanisms for reporting GNSS RFI operational impacts – EUROCONTROL EVAIR system
- A second joint EUR/MID event on GNSS RFI to be organized in Doha, Qatar, from 18 to 20 November 2025
- Joint ICAO/IMO/ITU statement to the UN Secretary General with concerns on GNSS RFI



## EUR/NAT-DGCA Conclusion 2025/3 – Addressing Risks associated with GNSS RFI

That the ICAO Regional Director, Europe and North Atlantic, invite States, regional and international organisations to participate in and actively contribute to the planned joint ICAO EUR/NAT and MID regional event on GNSS RFI to be held in Doha, Qatar, from 18 to 20 November 2025.



## Public Heath Events Prevention and Management - CAPSCA

- CAPSCA EUR/11 held jointly with CAPSCA MID
  - Hosted by EASA from 25 to 26 April 2024 in Cologne
  - Preceded by workshop with ECDC focusing on preparedness and lessons learned from 9 European hub airports
- CAPSCA EUR activities in 2025:
  - Joint EUR/MID-12 meeting in Cairo from 19-20 May 2025
  - Continued work by contact-tracing PT, in coordination with ECDC, WHO and EASA
  - Two CAPSCA Technical Assistance Missions Central and Eastern Europe
  - Delivery of training sessions (recurrent training) for CAPSCA Focal Points
  - Ongoing updates to CAPSCA EUR network recent outbreaks, guidance and recommendations



## EUR/NAT-DGCA Conclusion 2025/4 – Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation

That the ICAO Regional Director, Europe and North Atlantic, urge States to take actions as needed to ensure:

- a) the effective implementation of the provisions related to public health contained in Annex 9; and
- b) effective coordination with the national public health authorites in the framework of national air transport facilitation programmes and committees.



# ICAO

#### **Facilitation**

- ICAO Facilitation Conference (FALC 2025)
  - 14 to 17 April 2025 in Doha, Qatar
  - Under the theme: "Facilitating the Future of Air Transport"
- Ministerial Declaration on Facilitation of International Air Transport, aviation's essential role in connecting people, facilitating trade, promoting sustainable development, and contributing to the achievement of the relevant UN SDGs.
- ICAO EUR/NAT ENAVSECG to include facilitation topics – ENAVSECFALG



# CAO

## Assistance to Aircraft Accident Victims and their Families (AAAVF)

- Second AAAVF Global Symposium
  - Netherlands, 26 to 28 November 2024
  - Shared experiences of aircraft accident victims and their families
  - Global best practices shared with emphasis on implementation of national aircraft accident family assistance plans
- 2026 Regional Workshop on AAVF to be jointly organized by ECAC and ICAO EUR/NAT Office
  - January 2026, Spain



### EUR/NAT-DGCA Conclusion 2025/5 – Assistance to Aircraft Accident Victims and their Families

#### That the ICAO Regional Director, Europe and North Atlantic, invite:

- a) States to commit to establishing and implementing a comprehensive system for the assistance to aircraft accident victims and their families;
- b) States to develop, update and effectively implement comprehensive Corrective Actions Plans to address the related Protocol Questions (6.381 and 6.383) of the Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP); and
- c) States, regional and international organisations to participate in, and actively contribute to the second regional workshop on assistance to aircraft accident victims and their families to be jointly organized by ECAC and the ICAO EUR/NAT Regional Office in Spain in January 2026.







