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Subject : **2026 ICAO EUR/NAT DGCA Meeting**  
(9-10 June 2026, Castellaneta, Puglia, Italy)

Action : - *Nominate candidates for the election of the Chair Team by 10 April 2026;*  
- *Confirm participation by 10 April 2026; and*  
- *Submit meeting material, if any, by 11 May 2026.*

Dear Madam/Sir,

1. I am pleased to invite you to the 2026 Meeting of the Directors General of Civil Aviation of the ICAO EUR/NAT Regions (ICAO EUR/NAT-DGCA/2026), kindly hosted by the Italian Civil Aviation Authority (ENAC). The meeting will take place at the **Ethra Reserve Conference Centre in Castellaneta (TA), Puglia, Italy**, from 9 to 10 June 2026. The meeting will commence at 10:00 on the first day, with registration opening at 08:30. I would like to inform you that, on **11 June 2026**, a separate "Industry and Innovation Day" will be organized for Directors General of Civil Aviation by ENAC. The related invitation letter and work programme will be provided in due course.

2. The Provisional Agenda is enclosed at **Attachment A**. Meeting documentation should preferably consist of Powerpoint presentations, but may also be submitted in the form of working and/or information papers. In addition, we welcome the submission of short videos, of a maximum duration of 3 minutes. All meeting material should reach the Secretariat by email ([icaoeurnat@icao.int](mailto:icaoeurnat@icao.int)) no later than **11 May 2026**. Documentation may be submitted in English or, if prepared in another ICAO working language, must be accompanied by an English translation. Please note that the meeting will be conducted in English with simultaneous interpretation in French and Russian languages.

3. Information related to the meeting venue, accommodation, visa and other practical arrangements are provided in **Attachment B**.

4. In accordance with established procedures, the elections of the Chairperson and two vice-Chairpersons will be conducted during this meeting. I invite you to inform my Office of your nominations by email to [icaoeurnat@icao.int](mailto:icaoeurnat@icao.int), with copy to [nrallo@icao.int](mailto:nrallo@icao.int) by **10 April 2026** so that this information can be timely promulgated.

5. I kindly request that you complete your registration no later than **10 April 2026**, by returning the enclosed registration form at **Attachment C** to [EURNATDGCA@icao.int](mailto:EURNATDGCA@icao.int), with copy to [ihofstetter@icao.int](mailto:ihofstetter@icao.int) and [cottieno@icao.int](mailto:cottieno@icao.int). Please be advised that registration is limited to a maximum of **four participants** per delegation, and that the meeting and all associated events are open exclusively to duly registered participants. In addition, upon receipt of your registration form the ICAO Secretariat will provide a website link for participants to complete further information regarding their arrival and departure dates, preferred hotel and room category (subject to availability) as well as their participation in the social events.

Yours faithfully,

Nicolas Rallo  
Regional Director  
European and North Atlantic Office

Enclosures: - Att\_A Provisional Agenda  
- Att\_B Practical Information  
- Att\_C Registration Form

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**ATTACHMENT A**  
**EUR/NAT-DGCA/2026 – WP/01**

European and North Atlantic Office



**DIRECTORS GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION - ICAO EUROPEAN AND NORTH ATLANTIC  
REGIONS**

**2026 MEETING (EUR/NAT-DGCA/2026)**

*(Castellaneta, Puglia, Italy, 9-10 June 2026)*

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

- Agenda Item 1:** Welcome by the ICAO EUR/NAT Regional Director
- Opening remarks by the Deputy Minister of Infrastructure and Transport of Italy
- Agenda Item 2:** Approval of the agenda and election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons
- Agenda Item 3:** Updates on the ICAO EUR/NAT Regional Office and its activities
- Agenda Item 4:** Closing aviation skills gaps, strengthening workforce planning, and advancing women in aviation
- Agenda Item 5:** Advancing the ICAO Long-Term Global Aspirational Goal (LTAG)
- Agenda Item 6:** Strengthening crisis preparedness and response
- Agenda Item 7:** No Country Left Behind: Enhancing collaboration in implementation support
- Agenda Item 8:** Strengthening States' legislative, institutional and financing frameworks to ensure effective and sustainable State aviation authorities
- Agenda Item 9:** Supporting the safe and efficient integration of new entrants, including unmanned aircraft systems and commercial space transportation operations
- Agenda Item 10:** Facilitation and social responsibility of aviation: focus on accessibility matters and on assistance to aircraft accident victims and their families
- Agenda Item 11:** Seventh Worldwide Air Transport Conference (ATConf/7)
- Agenda Item 12:** Any other business and next meeting
- Agenda Item 13:** Closing remarks by the Secretary General of ICAO
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**ATTACHMENT B**

**PRACTICAL INFORMATION**  
**ICAO EUR/NAT-DGCA/2026 MEETING**

**MEETING SECRETARIAT**

Please register your participation at this email: [EURNATDGCA@icao.int](mailto:EURNATDGCA@icao.int)

Contact persons: Ms. Carolyne Ottieno [cottieno@icao.int](mailto:cottieno@icao.int) | Ms. Isabelle Hofstetter [ihofstetter@icao.int](mailto:ihofstetter@icao.int)

**MEETING VENUE**

Ethra Reserve Conference Centre in Castellaneta (TA), Puglia, Italy

**TRANSPORTATION**

Participants may fly to and from Bari or Brindisi airports. To facilitate transfers from these airports, participants are strongly encouraged to arrive by **18:00 on 8 June 2026**.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATION (RESERVATIONS TO BE MADE VIA THE LINK PROVIDED BY THE ICAO SECRETARIAT FROM THE REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION EMAIL)**

Name	Address	Price Per Night breakfast Included*	
		Single Room	Double Room
B&B 4* CALANE' RESORT RUN OF THE HOUSE	Ethra Reserve Conference Centre 74011 Castellaneta (TA) - Italy	€130,00	€160,00
B&B 5* KALIDRIA HOTEL THALASSO SPA RUN OF THE HOUSE	Ethra Reserve Conference Centre 74011 Castellaneta (TA) - Italy	€195,00	€240,00
B&B 5* KALIDRIA HOTEL THALASSO SPA SUITE- ECOLOGE	Ethra Reserve Conference Centre 74011 Castellaneta (TA) - Italy	€395,00	€470,00

\*Room rates are per room per night, VAT included.

\*€2,50 per day per person City Tax is not included and must be paid upon check-in.

**VISA ASSISTANCE**

Participants to the meeting must have the documentation required to enter and stay in Italy.

Information can be found on the ministry webpage of Italian Foreign Affairs

<https://vistoperitalia.esteri.it/>

Applications for visas should be requested well in advance. As June is high season you are strongly recommended to start the visa process as early as practicable.

Should you need any support for your visa application, please provide this information when submitting your registration form.