

State Visits and interventions by the Regional Director

From 31 March to 09 April 2024, the EUR/NAT Regional Director participated in meetings at ICAO Headquarters, including a Full Senior Management Group (FSMG) meeting and various bilateral meetings with the President of the Council; several Representatives on the ICAO Council; the Secretary General; as well as ICAO directors, deputy directors and section chiefs. During an informal briefing held on 07 April 2025, the Regional Director presented the EUR/NAT RO's programmatic priorities for 2025 in support of the 2023-2025 Business Plan.

On 11 April 2025, the EUR/NAT RD participated in the first ICAO Global Cargo Summit held in Antalya, Türkiye. He moderated a panel on the intersection between air cargo security and operational efficiency. The key message from this panel emphasized that greater collaboration, smarter harmonization and targeted innovation are essential to meet the evolving needs of the air cargo industry. In his conclusion, the EUR/NAT RD reaffirmed ICAO's commitment to supporting continued partnerships and collaborations.



On the side of the ICAO Global Cargo Summit, the EUR/NAT RD held bilateral meetings with Mr. Teyzullah Cinar, Deputy Director General of the DGCA of Türkiye; Mr. Mario Apostolov, Regional Adviser Economic Cooperation and Trade Division at the United Nations Economic

Commission for Europe (UNECE) and Mr. Vizant, Chairman of the Board of Director of Avant Airports Romania.

From 14 to 17 April 2025, the EUR/NAT RD participated and engaged with numerous representatives at the ICAO Facilitation Conference held in Doha, Qatar.

The EUR/NAT RD participated and contributed to the meetings of the ICAO Council President and Secretary General with delegations of Armenia, Kazakhstan, Morocco and Spain.



Implementation Support



EASA/ICAO Workshop on Implementation Support

The ICAO EUR/NAT RO participated in a meeting between ICAO and EASA on the development of working arrangements on implementation support. These arrangements, as soon as finalized, will pave the way for mutual participation in capacity development projects, exchange of expertise and training and knowledge sharing.



During the productive meetings from 1 to 2 April 2025, participants established a solid foundation for collaboration, particularly regarding:

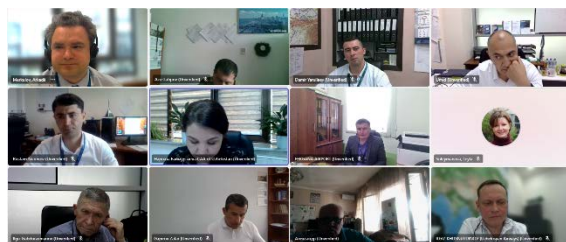
- The exchange of methodologies and processes for implementation support;
- The identification of key touchpoints in each party's implementation support activities; and
- The core elements of working arrangements for upcoming joint initiatives.

COSPA awareness webinars



In order to ensure broader support for the implementation of the Country Strategic Plan of Action (COSPA) developed for Uzbekistan, the EUR/NAT RO organized two webinars: one for government entities on 7 April 2025 and another for key industry stakeholders on 8 April 2025. During the webinars, the need for a State focused, risk-based, result oriented and collaborative approach was reemphasized, highlighting 5 focus areas for the Programme: Strategic Planning, Safety Oversight, Accident and Incident Investigation, Safety Management and Operational Safety.

The COSPA's linkages to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Uzbekistan's National Development Plan was underscored, and the prioritized and collaborative approach was widely endorsed.



Gender Equality

The EUR/NAT RO participated in the 3rd Global Network of Gender Focal Points Meeting held on 22 April 2025 and organized by CDI. The meeting featured opening remarks by the Secretary General, updates from regional offices, a presentation on gender data collection and research in New Zealand and other updates from ICAO.

Safety and Air Navigation

South Atlantic Safety Oversight and Implementation Management Groups

The EUR/NAT RO supported the joint meeting of the South Atlantic Safety Oversight and Implementation Management groups, in collaboration with the ICAO SAM Office. The meeting was held from 7 to 11 April in Lima, Peru.

The meeting discussed and advanced the implementation of a number of plans and projects aiming at further improving ATS provision in the South Atlantic area, strengthening SAT safety performance monitoring mechanisms.

The EUR/NAT RO has been supporting the SAT work since 2021 as part of the temporary arrangement to assist the SAT area in the initial establishment of the new SAT working structure. Since then, the new structure has been successfully implemented and started delivering the first results, marking the successful completion of this inter-regional collaboration project.





48th Meeting of the North Atlantic Economic, Financial And Forecast Group (NAT EFFG/48) and NAT EFFG Workshop on Charging Mechanisms for Commercial Space Operations (CSO)

The forty-eighth meeting of the North Atlantic Economic, Financial And Forecast Group (NAT EFFG/48) was held at the EUR/NAT RO, in Paris, France on 8 and 9 April 2025. The opportunity was also taken to hold the NAT EFFG Workshop on Charging Mechanisms for Commercial Space Operations (CSO) on 7 April 2025.

Chaired by Ms. Alda Miranda (Portugal), the meeting addressed several key topics, including the revised NAT Traffic Forecast Methodology, to be approved by the NAT SPG/61 in June 2025, the NAT Traffic Forecast for the 2025 to 2029 period and the financial impact and potential charging mechanisms for regional commercial space operation (CSO) activities, following the 7 April 2025 workshop.

Representatives from Canada, Denmark, Iceland, Ireland, Norway, Portugal, the United Kingdom, the United States, EUROCONTROL, and IATA participated in the meeting.



Cybersecurity Seminar Belgrade, Serbia

The ICAO EUR/NAT Cybersecurity Seminar brought together 85 participants, with over half actively engaging in a hands-on practical exercise designed to strengthen operational understanding of cybersecurity challenges. The event was opened by Mrs. Mirjana Cizmarov, Director General of the Civil Aviation Directorate of Serbia, and Mr. Elkhan Nahmadov, EUR/NAT Deputy Regional Director, who also moderated the event.

The program included three lecture and panel sessions that addressed critical topics such as "The Cybersecurity Threat Landscape," "Regulatory Frameworks," "Implementation of Regulatory Frameworks," and "Oversight of Regulatory Frameworks." The event concluded with an extensive practical exercise, underscoring the necessity for ongoing communication across all facets of the aviation sector.

The practical exercise was tailored to European airports, civil aviation authorities (CAAs), and air navigation service providers (ANSPs), emphasizing cross-sector collaboration and the application of regulatory knowledge to real-world scenarios.

The discussions helped identify actionable steps for improving cybersecurity resilience across the aviation sector. Discussions throughout the seminar focused on emerging cybersecurity trends which guided participants through policy-aligned implementation practices, and facilitated the exchange of strategies between states and service providers. These efforts directly supported capacity-building and enhanced stakeholder preparedness across the region.





4th Annual Safer Skies Forum Marrakesh, Morocco

The EUR/NAT RO participated in the 4th Annual Safer Skies Forum and the Regional Awareness Seminar on conflict zones in Marrakesh, Morocco. These events were well attended by representatives from numerous African nations, airlines, Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSPs), and Civil Aviation Authorities (CAAs).



The discussions centered on conducting comprehensive risk and safety assessments to ensure that airspaces remain safe for operations. Additionally, best practices were shared among participants to enhance safety protocols and improve collaborative efforts in managing conflict zones. The event included nine sessions covering topics such as Global Challenges in Aviation, Safer Skies Initiative, Risk Tolerance and Anticipating Risk.



The EUR/NAT RO also participated in the Regional Awareness Seminar (RAS) where discussions centered on threats to aviation, infrastructure and unpublished large scale military exercises. Key takeaways included the need for timely NOTAMs to effectively support operator mitigation, and the use of all available means for information gathering, including social media, security calls with partners, commercial providers and national intel groups to assist in providing situational awareness for impacted airspace.



EUR Regional Working Group on Aerodrome Operations

The Fifth meeting of the ICAO EUR Regional Working Group on Aerodrome Operations (RWGAO) was held in Vienna, Austria, from 7 to 9 April 2025, and was hosted by the Supreme Civil Aviation Authority of Austria. The meeting was attended by 26 participants from States and regional organizations.

The meeting discussed and agreed on a series of actions to further enhance operational safety, capacity and efficiency in respect of aerodrome operations. In particular, the meeting focused on tackling matters related to:

- the implementation status of the Aircraft Classification Rating (ACR) - Pavement Classification Rating (PCR) method in the EUR/NAT area;
- the guidance on the adoption of Safety Stack principles and practices for airports;
- the Ground-Based Augmentation System (GBAS) Implementation Status and related development Plans;
- the amendment of the RWGAO work programme to cater for the outcome of the fourteenth ICAO Air Navigation Conference; and
- the performance of flight checks of Visual Aids by Drones.



EUR Regional Working Sub-Group on Intelligence Gathering and Analysis

The Fourth meeting of the ICAO EUR Regional Working Sub-Group on Intelligence Gathering and Analysis (IGA-SG) was held in Vienna, Austria, from 10 to 11 April 2025 at the invitation of the Civil Aviation Authority of Austria. The meeting was attended by 21 in-person participants and 2 remotely from Civil Aviation Authorities, Aerodrome Operators, European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), International Business Aviation Council (IBAC) and International Federation of Air Line Pilots Associations (IFALPA). The meeting addressed matters related to the monitoring of Aerodrome Certification and pooling of qualified aerodrome inspectorate staff, ground handling operations and the maintenance performance level objectives for visual aids as part of the Aerodrome Inspectors Handbook.

Combined ICAO EUR PBNC TF/12 & EUROCONTROL NSG/39

The combined 12th ICAO EUR PBN Consolidation Task Force and 39th EUROCONTROL Navigation Steering Group Meeting (PBNC-TF/12 & NSG/39) met in Paris from 01 to 03 April 2025. The hybrid meeting brought together around 170 participants, including 80 in person and 90 online.



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The meeting reviewed updates on global and regional PBN developments, including outcomes from relevant ICAO Panels and



the True North Advisory Group. States and Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSPs) also provided national progress reports, highlighting challenges and operational experiences.

The EUR/NAT RO presented relevant outcomes from the Sixth Meeting of the European Aviation System Planning Group (EASPG/6), including recommendations related to PBN EUR guidance material and regional GNSS interference reporting and analysis. EUROCONTROL shared the latest information on GNSS interference and mitigation measures underway in the EUR region.

Participants reviewed options for the future precision approach feasibility and provided input on which systems should be prioritized for future development.

The meeting also discussed the future status of the Landing and Take-Off / GBAS Implementation Support Group (LATO/GBAS ISG), with a final decision to follow at the next meeting.

The next meeting will take place from 29 September to 01 October 2025 at EUROCONTROL Headquarters in Brussels.

- Endorsement of the new EUR Doc 049 – Guidance Material to Civil Aviation Authorities for Search and Rescue Operations and Training Oversight (First Edition, December 2024);
- ICAO State Letter EUR/NAT 23-0174 on readiness for ADT implementation and associated mitigation measures identified by the Safety Risk Panel;
- Continued use and annual updates of the SAR Capabilities Matrix (EUR Doc 039) and the EUR SAR Performance Indicators by States.

The outcomes of the recent EUR/APAC simulated GADSS/ADT exercise were also reviewed, underlining the importance of regional readiness in support of global aeronautical distress and safety systems.

The meeting also discussed planning for the 2025 EUR SAR/TF Meeting and Workshop, which will be held in Morocco from 8 to 10 October 2025. The next meeting will continue advancing regional SAR collaboration and the outcomes of EASPG/06. The workshop will focus on cooperation with neighboring States during SAR operations, training programmes for SAR inspectors and provide the latest updates on the Global Aeronautical Distress and Safety System (GADSS) and Location of an Aircraft in Distress Repository (LADR).

15th Meeting of the ICAO EUR Search and Rescue Task Force (EUR SAR TF/15)

The 15th meeting of the ICAO EUR Search and Rescue Task Force (EUR SAR TF/15) was held virtually on 09 April 2025. The meeting brought together SAR experts and stakeholders from across the EUR region to discuss key developments and strengthen regional coordination.

Participants received a report on Search and Rescue-related outcomes from the Sixth Meeting of the European Aviation System Planning Group (EASPG/6). These included:

Third ROs MET Coordination Meeting

The third MET Regional Officers' Coordination Meeting, hosted by the EUR/NAT Regional Office, and was held virtually on 14 April 2025. The session brought together MET Regional Officers from AFI, APAC, CAR/SAM, EUR/NAT, MID, and HQ to align on key developments and regional activities.



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Key Focus: Amendment 82 and METP/6 Outcomes

The meeting opened with an in-depth briefing from the ICAO HQ MET Technical Officer on the forthcoming Amendment 82 to Annex 3 and the outcomes of the METP/6 meeting held in Montreal in March 2025.

Amendment 82, set to become applicable from 27 November 2025, introduces a restructured Annex 3 and a new PANS-MET. Major updates include:

- Enhanced Space Weather information services;
- Upgraded International Airways Volcano Watch (IAVW), including Quantitative Volcanic Ash (QVA) and VONA improvements;
- IWXXM and WAFS enhancements;
- A more precise definition of meteorological authority and the newly introduced meteorological service provider.

Consequential amendments to Annexes 6 (Parts I–III), 10 (Vol II), 11, 15, and related PANS documents were also adopted. State letters will soon be issued to inform States, International Organizations, and Regional Offices of these changes.

At METP/6, discussions also focused on future amendment proposals related to WAFS probability forecasts, QVA upgrades, SWXA refinements, and the planned retirement of TAC and plain text messages by November 2030. Significant progress was made on MET-SWIM documentation, including an updated roadmap, a revised IWXXM guidance (Doc 10003), and new implementation guidelines to assist States.

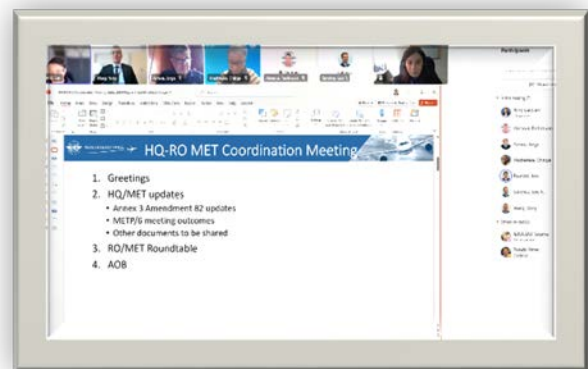
Regional Updates and Workshop Planning

Since the last coordination meeting in

November 2024, all ICAO ROs shared updates on their region's MET activities. A common theme across all regions was the need to organize dedicated workshops to raise awareness and ensure smooth implementation of the new standards, particularly those related to QVA and SWIM services.

ROs emphasized their effectiveness in aligning implementation across regions and enhancing interregional collaboration.

It was agreed that future meetings will benefit from a pre-circulated agenda, allowing ROs to prepare updates or discussion points in advance. The next coordination meeting is planned for late November 2025, with the SAM Office graciously accepting to host.



Aviation Security and Facilitation

36th ICAO Aviation Security Panel (AVSECP)

The EUR/NAT RO participated virtually in the 36th ICAO Aviation Security Panel (AVSECP). The EUR/NAT RO provided a briefing regarding AVSEC-related activities in the EUR/NAT area. The briefing included background information, a summary of regional activities, and past and upcoming events. A main focus was on the ongoing security challenges and concerns, such as the ones caused by armed conflicts or concealed improvised incendiary devices.



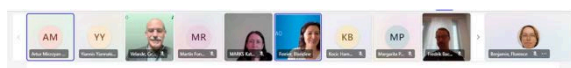


Environmental Protection – LTAG

The EUR/NAT RO organized an ACT CORSIA webinar for States in partnership with Germany. The webinar was held on 2 April 2025 with CORSIA Focal Points from 8 EUR/NAT States. The participating States received training on the new features of the CCR. Discussions focused on the offsetting requirements and on the relation between the EU ETS and CORSIA.

The EUR/NAT RO organized an ACT CORSIA webinar for the French speaking States of the AFI Region in partnership with France and Canada. The webinar was held on the 9 April 2025 with CORSIA Focal Points from 6 States from the AFI Region.

The EUR/NAT RO under the Environment task Force organized a webinar on the development of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) Roadmaps. The event featured presentations from Poland, Sweden, Türkiye, and the United Kingdom, each detailing the current status, challenges, and progress in their respective countries regarding SAF roadmap development or implementation. The webinar was attended by 51 participants from 29 States from the EUR/NAT area. The primary objective of the webinar was to disseminate information on the ICAO guidance document on SAF policy development. It aimed to establish a clear link between State Action Plans and SAF initiatives, encouraging States to incorporate their SAF policies and roadmaps into their State Action Plans.



ICAO EUR/NAT SAF Roadmap Webinar 2025

Agenda for the discussions today

Welcome and Overview

ICAO Guidance on Potential Policies and Coordinated Approaches for the deployment of SAF

Presentation from Poland

Presentation from Sweden

Presentation from Türkiye

Presentation from United Kingdom

Other examples shared by ICAO

Blandine Ferrier, ICAO Environment Officer

Cesar Velarde, ICAO ACT-SAF Project Coordinator - Environment (LTAG)

Katarzyna Marks, Head of Unit, Sustainable Aviation & Environment, DGCA, Poland

Fredrik Backman, Sustainable fuels at the Civil Aviation and Maritime Department Swedish Transport Agency, Sweden

Ahmet Berkan Korkmaz, Technical Auditor/ CORSIA Türkiye, DGCA, Türkiye

Dan Hood, Senior Policy Advisor - Low Carbon Fuels International Engagement, Department for Transport, UK

ICAO Secretariat

The EUR/NAT RO continued the coordination with the European Union, EASA and ATB for the current ACT SAF Project with EU funding, under which SAF feasibility studies are implemented.

The EUR/NAT RO supported an on-site assistance mission to the State of Kuwait regarding the update of their State Action Plan as well as CORSIA implementation. The mission was held from 21 to 23 April.

Transformational objective

Renovation works

The EUR/NAT RO building renovation project is progressing as planned. Since October 2024, the “Assistance à Maîtrise d’Ouvrage” (AMO) has been providing essential support and guidance to the EUR/NAT RO, focusing on administrative, management, technical, legal, and financial aspects related to the project.

The second major tender, for the “Maîtrise d’Oeuvre (MOE)” contract, is currently in its final evaluation phase, with the contract anticipated to be signed in May 2025. The selected MOE will be responsible for preparing the solicitation documents for the general contractor's contract and overseeing the management and execution of the construction works throughout the renovation.

Additionally, the EUR/NAT RO is making significant strides in coordinating the rental of office space at one of the UNESCO's Paris sites to accommodate staff during the renovation period.



Farewell to Patricia Cuff

On Monday, 28 April 2025, EUR/NAT RO staff gathered to celebrate and bid farewell to our colleague Patricia Cuff, Technical Assistant CNS/ATM, who retires at the end of April after more than 30 years of ICAO service.

“Cuffie”, as many of us fondly know her will be truly missed not only for her exceptional professional qualities but also for her constant dedication to providing continuous training and learning to all staff new and old on the EUR/NAT RO’s procedures and tools.



Office Arrangements

The Personnel Instruction 5.1.1 on Flexible Working Arrangements (FWAs) which entered into force on 1 July 2024 is duly applied in the EUR/NAT RO. All staff members are required to be physically present in the office on Mondays, unless they are on a mission, annual leave or sick leave.

