

State Visits and interventions by the Regional Director

The EUR/NAT Regional Director participated in, and supported the ICAO Global Implementation Support Symposium (GISS) 2025 held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates from 10 to 12 February 2025. During the Symposium, several bilateral meetings were held with EUR/NAT States including Kazakhstan, (delegation led by Mr. Talgat Lastaev, Vice-Minister of Transport), Morocco (delegation led by Mr. Abdessamad Kayouh, Minister of Transport and Logistics), Spain (delegation led by Mr. Benit Nunez Quintanilla), Türkiye (delegation led by Mr. Envert Iskurt, Deputy Minister of Transport and Infrastructure). Additional meetings were held with EASA, Ms. Maria Rueda, Strategy & Safety Management Director and Airbus, Mr. Bertrand de Lacombe, Head of Regulatory and External engagement. Additional meetings were held with the delegation of Morocco regarding the organization of the GISS 2026 in Marrakech, as well as with senior representations from States and organizations supporting activities in the EUR/NAT area.



From 18 to 20 February 2025, the EUR/NAT Regional Director conducted a State visit to Uzbekistan. He met and exchanged views with H.E. Mr. Jamshid Avdukhakimovich Khodjayev, Deputy Prime Minister and H.E. Mr. Ilkhom Makhkamov, Minister of Transport, as well as with the top management of the State's civil aviation agency (CAA), the State's investigation authority and four of the State's air operators (Uzbekistan Airways, Centrum, Qanot Sharq and Air Samarkand). The discussions focused on the significant growth of aviation operations in Uzbekistan (the only double landlocked developing country in the world) and the ongoing efforts to enhance aviation safety through institutional reforms as well as activities to strengthen safety oversight, investigation capabilities, safety management and operational safety. These efforts are being supported through a collaborative approach by the International Civil Aviation



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Organization and leading partners (Direction Generale de l'Aviation Civile, BEA | Bureau d'Enquêtes et d'Analyses pour la sécurité de l'aviation civile, Federal Aviation Administration, National Transportation Safety Board, International Air Transport Association (IATA), ACI EUROPE, ACI World - Airports Council International, Airbus and Boeing), following the “Country Strategic Plan of Action” (COSPA) adopted in 2024. In addition, the EUR/NAT Regional Director had the opportunity to discuss the LTAG and to sign the ACTSAF programme terms and conditions with Uzbekistan on behalf of the ICAO Secretary General.

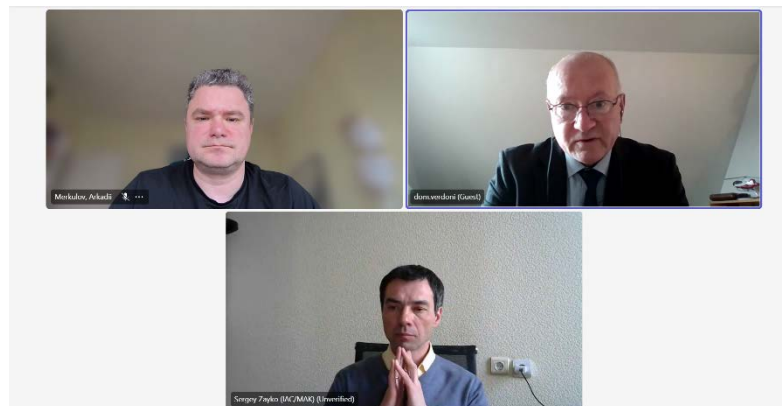
**Implementation Support****Sub-regional project to help enhance investigation capabilities of Central Asian States**

February marked a significant milestone for the sub-regional project aimed at assisting Central Asian States (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan) in enhancing their capabilities to investigate aircraft accidents and serious incidents. This phase saw the completion of factual data collection, which included a series of interviews with the involved States and the Regional Accident Investigation Organization, followed by a thorough root cause analysis.



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We will now proceed with drafting of a report that will include strategic and operational recommendations to help implement an effective, independent accident and serious incident investigation system, in line with ICAO provisions.

**Cybersecurity Briefing for Air Algeria**

On 22 February 2025, the EUR/NAT Regional Office supported Air Algeria's Aviation Security Summit by providing a briefing on ICAO's Cybersecurity processes and procedures. The briefing included ongoing initiatives that are recommended for States to implement and mitigate potential cyber events including the protection of aviation infrastructure.

Safety and Air Navigation**Journey towards EUR RASP 2026-2028**

Two focus groups continued working remotely on the development of the next version of the European Regional Aviation Safety Plan (EUR RASP), to be aligned with Global Aviation Safety Plan 2026-2028 and the revised European plan for Aviation Safety (EPAS). The first group is working to define volume I of the EUR RASP, focusing on the definition of safety priorities and safety performance indicators. The second group is working to collect and analyze safety data for 55 States' from EUR Region to support necessary data-driven decisions.

EUR RASP 2024 Survey

February 2025 marks the deadline for 55 EUR States' to report on the implementation of the current EUR RASP (2023-2025). The outcomes of the survey will be used to compile the EUR RASP 2024 Implementation Report, identify safety actions that would require extension or modification for 2026-2028 version of EUR RASP, and identify areas for future focused support.

Preparation for the RWGAO/5 and IGA/4 meetings

On 19 February 2025, a coordination meeting was held with the Chairperson of the EUR Regional Working Group on Aerodrome Operations (RWGAO) and the EUR Intelligence Gathering and Analysis (IGA) Working Sub-Group. The meeting reviewed a series of draft working papers and information papers prepared for the upcoming meetings of the RWGAO/5

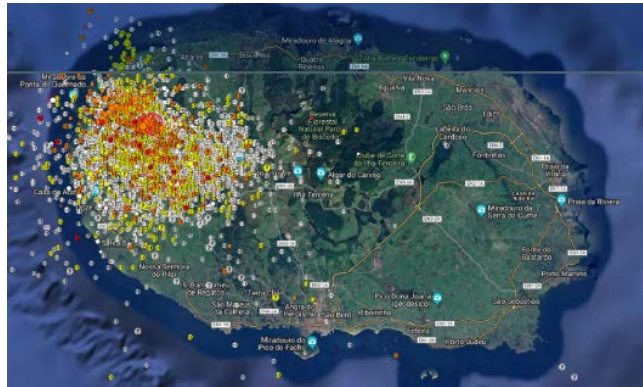


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and IGA/4 planned in April 2025. Discussions focused mainly on, inter alia, the draft document entitled "Guidance on the Adoption of Safety Stack Principles & Practices for Airports", which should be submitted for endorsement by the European Aviation System Planning Group (EASPG) during its seventh meeting scheduled in late November 2025.

Taking steps towards FF-ICE implementation

The Sixth Meeting of the European Aviation System Planning Group (EASPG/6), held in Paris at the EUR/NAT RO from 2 to 6 December 2024, endorsed a conclusion to take steps towards establishing an ICAO EUR Flight and Flow Information for a Collaborative Environment (FF-ICE) Implementation Task Force. In line with this EASPG request, the EUR/NAT RO initiated coordination with EUROCONTROL and SDM (EU SESAR Deployment Manager) in order to establish the FF-ICE Task Force in coordination with the project that they are implementing on FF-ICE in the EU (FPFDE: Flight Plan and Flight Data Evolution).



The ICAO FF-ICE Task Force will coordinate and harmonize implementation through the whole EUR Region, cooperating with the current projects on FF-ICE in the Region (i.e. FPFDE). In this regard, the EUR/NAT RO participated in the FF-ICE ANSP Workshop organized by EUROCONTROL on 6 February 2025.

Interregional EUR/MID workshop - preparation for the ITU WRC-27



As a follow-up to State Letter E 3/5-24/93 (*Draft ICAO Position on items of interest to aviation on the agenda of ITU World Radio communication Conference - WRC-27*), the EUR/NAT RO made an agreement with the CNS section (ICAO HQ) and the ICAO MID Regional Office to host a WRC-27 preparatory workshop in the EUR/NAT RO in Paris. The Workshop will be convened from 6 to 7 October 2025, back-to-back with the EUR Frequency Management Group (FMG) and the Frequency Spectrum Management Panel (FSMP) WG/21.

Kick-Off of the ANSISG GNSS RFI Minimum Operational Network Project Team (ANSISG MON PT)

Actions were initiated to launch a dedicated multidisciplinary Project Team under the ANSISG (Air Navigation System Implementation Support Group) for the development of a regional GNSS RFI Minimum Operational Network for the Eastern Part of the ICAO EUR area framework. One of the main tasks of the PT will be to collect data on the existing ground based NAV infrastructure (type of NAV system, ranges, coverage, etc.) from all FIRs in the ANSISG area and collect individual NAV Spec Requirements, as published in the AIP in the involved FIRs. The PT will be chaired by IATA with participation of ANSISG Members and several international organizations.

LPRI TF 46 and EUR Doc.46 Workshop preparations

The Forty-sixth meeting of the EASPG Language Proficiency Requirements Implementation Task Force (LPRI TF/46), along with a dedicated workshop focused on EUR Doc 046, will be held in Split, Croatia, from 14 to 16 May 2025, hosted by the Croatian Civil Aviation Agency.



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A new version of the Workshop dedicated to the recent EUR Doc 046 is under preparation by the LPRI TF experts to support the EUR States' in the harmonization of the relevant ICAO SARPS and its oversight. The LPRI TF activities are encompassed of all concerned stakeholders: CAA/regulators, national ELP (English Language Proficiency) focal points, training organizations, airspace users, ANSPs and test service providers along with the relevant international and regional Organizations (EASA, IATA, EUROCONTROL, ICAEA, IAOPA etc.).

Actions for the Implementation of Project 30/10

Project 30/10 relates to the outcomes of the 14th Air Navigation Conference, specifically to recommendation 3.1/1. This focuses on enhancing operational efficiency of the global air navigation system, as a result of the seamless implementation of longitudinal separation minima of 55.5 km (30 NM) or less in oceanic and remote airspace, and 19 km (10 NM) or less elsewhere. As agreed by the EASPG/6 in December 2024, a survey was circulated this month to States' in the EUR/NAT area in order to collect information on the current status and plans for the implementation of reduced longitudinal separation minima. The results of this survey will be crucial for the implementation of Project 30/10.

**Launch EUR Region Space Transport Operations Project Team (EUR STO PT)**

A call for nomination of experts was circulated on 10 February 2025 to EUR States to prepare for the launch of the EUR Region Space Transport Operations Project Team (EUR STO PT). The objective of this PT, which was established by the EASPG/6 meeting, is to deliver harmonized guidance material on airspace integration in order to ensure safe and efficient navigation of aircraft around Space Transport Operations. The PT will be led by the Italian Civil Aviation Authority and the outcomes should be available by December 2025.

Coordination Meeting with EUR Data Management Group Chair Team for DMG/44 Meeting

On 18 February 2025, a coordination meeting was held with the RO MET and the Chair team of the EUR Data Management Group (METG DMG) to review a series of draft working papers and information papers prepared for the upcoming 44th meeting of the DMG (DMG/44), scheduled for March 2025 in Paris. The discussions centered on refining the documents to ensure comprehensive and up-to-date information is presented to the DMG members.



A key focus was the OPMET data monitoring in the EUR conducted in early February 2025. The monitoring results are expected to be analyzed and submitted for review during the Thirty-Fifth Meeting of the Meteorology Group (METG/35) in September 2025. Monitoring is crucial for evaluating the availability, quality, and timely distribution of meteorological data for air navigation services across the region.

DMG/44 will also address the outcomes of the ICAO Meteorology Panel's sixth meeting (METP/6), scheduled for March 2025. The discussions will focus on the latest advancements in



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global MET data exchange, emerging requirements for meteorological services in support of aviation operations, and the further implementation of ICAO provisions related to data management.

Launched NAT Crisis Response Processes Project Team

On 24 February 2025, the NAT Crisis Response Processes Project Team held its kick-off online meeting. Established based on the NAT SPG agreement, the team will provide potential recommendations, if needed, on improvements to NAT regional crisis response processes and provide their conclusions to the NAT SPG. Its initial task is to perform gap analysis of current NAT and EUR procedures and regulations to identify and document any major discrepancies or improvements that may benefit the NAT organizations.

VOLCEX

On 12 February 2025, representatives from Iceland, VAAC London, Toulouse (the Network Manager), IATA, and ICAO held a virtual coordination meeting to define the next steps, date, and preliminary agenda for the Volcanic Ash Exercise in 2025 (VOLCEX 2025) Preparatory Workshop, which is scheduled to take place in October 2025.

The meeting was crucial for ensuring a well-structured and effective exercise that will enhance regional preparedness and response to volcanic ash events affecting European and North Atlantic airspace. Discussions included refining the exercise objectives, coordinating stakeholder and DISTAFF roles, and addressing key lessons learned from previous exercises.



The Summary of Discussions (SoD) from the VOLCEX24 Debrief, VOLCEX25 Planning, and the VOLCEX/SG/19 meeting, held in Paris from 21 to 22 January 2025, at the EUR/NAT RO, has been finalized and is available on the ICAO Secure Portal.

Additionally, it was decided that the VOLCEX25 Version 1.0 Directive would be drafted in close coordination with the EUR/NAT RO and Exercise Leader Iceland and distributed to VAAC London for further development.

Interregional OPMET Data Exchange, ICAO EUR/NAT, and SAM Coordination

The EUR/NAT RO, in collaboration with the Data Management Group (DMG) and the ICAO SAM Regional Office, held a coordination meeting on 7 February 2025, to address the exchange of OPMET data in IWXXM format between the EUR and SAM regions. This initiative, led by the EUR/NAT RO and DMG, aimed to enhance interregional coordination and facilitate a seamless transition to ICAO's globally standardized IWXXM format for meteorological data exchange.

The meeting brought together key stakeholders to review existing operational procedures and technical challenges associated with IWXXM data exchange. IROC London currently manages the exchange of OPMET data between the SAM and EUR regions, ensuring that TAC-format OPMET data from SAM is disseminated across the EUR region via the Aeronautical Fixed Service (AFS) and SADIS. Similarly, EUR TAC OPMET data is routed from IROG London to IROG Brazil, which is further distributed within the SAM region.



Further technical coordination is required to finalize routing procedures, system configurations, and regional agreements to advance the IWXXM implementation. The EUR and SAM stakeholders will continue working closely to monitor progress and support implementation efforts in alignment with ICAO provisions.

The DMG thanked the EUR/NAT RO for facilitating this vital coordination meeting. This initiative underscores the commitment of EUR and SAM regional stakeholders to strengthen ICAO-compliant meteorological data exchange, ultimately enhancing aviation safety and operational efficiency across both regions.

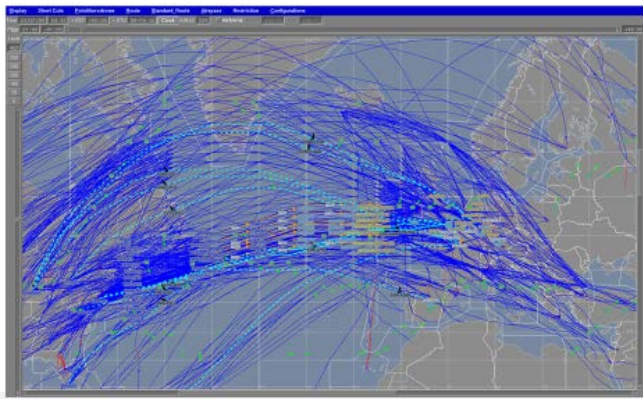


NAT Space Weather Exercise Project Team

The EUR/NAT RO and the NAT Space Weather Exercise Project Team (NAT SWPT) held a series of virtual meetings in February to define the next steps for the 2025 Space Weather Exercise. The discussions centered on finalizing the exercise's scope, framework, and objectives. The exercise is scheduled to run from January to October 2025 under the NAT Planning and Operations Group (NAT POG) umbrella.

The Space Weather Exercise (SWX) 2025 aims to evaluate whether existing procedures and guidance adequately respond to space weather events that affect aviation operations in the North Atlantic (NAT) Region. The exercise will include key stakeholders, such as Aerodrome Meteorological Offices (AMO), Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSPs), Airline Operators (AOs), NOTAM Offices (NOFs), Space Weather Advisory Centers (SWXCs), Regional OPMET Centers (ROCs), regulators, and international organizations.

North-Atlantic and Polar Traffic



During the meetings, participants outlined high-level tasks necessary for exercise planning, including reviewing existing research, determining how operators access space weather information, and identifying key operational impacts. The discussions also addressed the need to define exercise parameters, including impact scales (R/S/G), affected routes, system disruptions (CPDLC, ADS-C, HF Voice, SATVOICE, GNSS, ADS-B, SSR, ground-based infrastructure), and exercise duration.

The EUR/NAT RO and the NAT SWPT will continue to provide updates as the exercise's planning progresses.

Aviation Security and Facilitation

A State Letter was sent recalling the decision to designate 20 February as the International Day commemorating Air Crash Victims and their Families. At the same time, it was announced that the second Joint ICAO-ECAC Workshop on Assistance to Aircraft Accident Victims and their Families would take place in the fourth quarter of 2025.



Initial steps were taken regarding the upcoming ENAVSECG/12 meeting in June 2025, including coordination with the Chair Team and contacts with several observers from industry. The meeting agenda will include, for the first time, Facilitation related topics. A proposal to amend the ToR in order to expand the ENAVSECG scope to include FAL will be discussed during the meeting.

Following up on ENAVSECG/11 outcomes, the results of a questionnaire to States' are being analyzed in order to be presented during ENAVSECG/12.

The preparation for the FAL Regional Forum in Cameroon, Yaoundé from 2 to 4 March 2025 and the EUR/NAT Regional Aviation Cybersecurity Seminar in Belgrade, Serbia from 1 to 3 April 2025 continues.



Environmental Protection – LTAG



The EUR/NAT RO continued to support Turkmenistan and Tunisia with the development of their first State Action Plans (SAP). Turkmenistan is currently reviewing its draft SAP which should be finalized soon. Kazakhstan submitted its first SAP to ICAO in December 2024, becoming the 50th EUR/NAT State with a developed SAP and the Regional Office continues to support Kazakhstan to update its SAP to include data.

Coordination is ongoing with the State Action Plan (SAP) Focal Points to assist in submitting their updated SAPs to ICAO prior to the next ICAO Assembly. Additional support and guidance on SAPs was also provided to States at their requests.

The EUR/NAT RO initiated coordination with donor States for the upcoming ACT CORSIA webinars that will begin after the Train the Trainers webinar planned for mid- March.

Coordination is ongoing with ATB concerning SAF feasibility studies to be initiated in 2025. Several calls were held with the European Union (EU) on the current ICAO ACT SAF Project with EU funding.

In February 2025, Uzbekistan signed the ACT SAF terms and conditions, becoming the third Central Asian State to join the programme.

Gender Equality

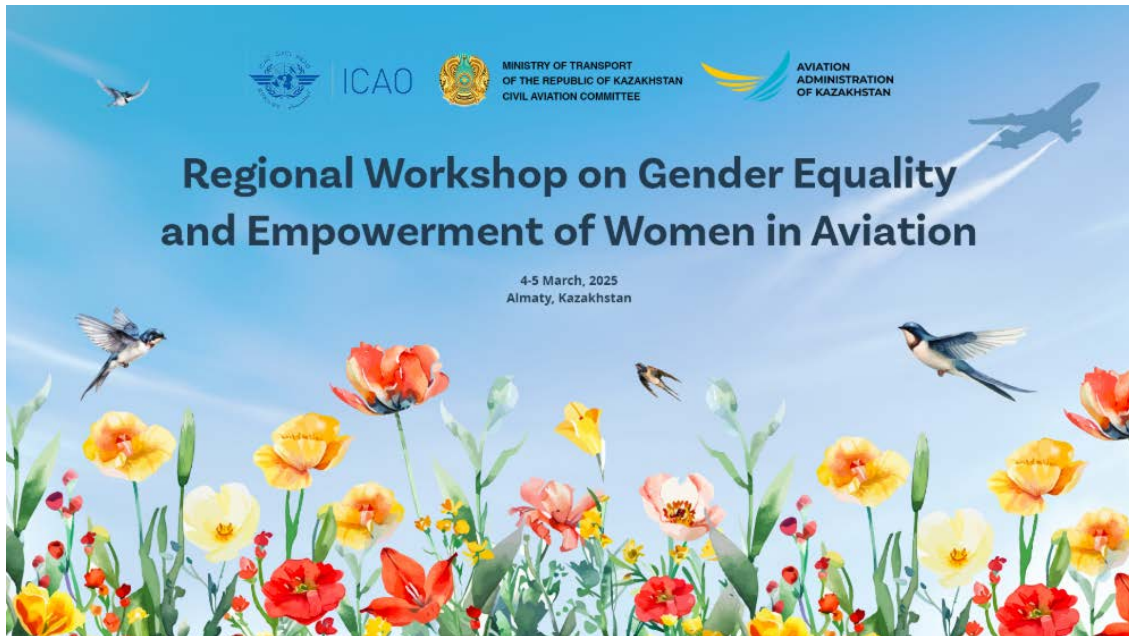
The EUR/NAT RO is making final preparations for the upcoming 2025 EUR/NAT Workshop on Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women in Aviation, which will be hosted by the Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Kazakhstan in Almaty, Kazakhstan from 4 to 5 March 2025.

The workshop aims to bring together stakeholders from across the EUR/NAT area to share experience and best practices on mentoring and other initiatives that empower women in



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aviation. The agenda will feature keynote speeches to inspire young women, interactive sessions on mentoring, and success stories from aviation organizations that highlight effective policies and practices that have advanced gender equality. It will also serve as an inspiring platform to mark the International Women's Day and reaffirm our shared commitment to advancing gender equality in aviation.



Transformational objective

Developments concerning the renovations of the EUR/NAT RO premises

The first of the three major tenders, which is for “*Assistance à Maîtrise d’Ouvrage (AMO)*”, published in March 2024 resulted in the contract signature in October 2024 and the subsequent start of the activities. The AMO shall assist and advise the EUR/NAT RO throughout the renovation project in its decisions, actions, and procedures, as well as on the administrative, management, technical, legal and financial aspects.

The second major tender, for “*Maîtrise d’oeuvre (MOE)*”, published on 26 November 2024, was closed on 21 January 2025 and the evaluations are now in process. The MOE will be tasked to prepare the solicitation documents with respect to the contract of the general contractor and will ensure the management and execution of the construction works throughout the duration of the renovation project.

The EUR/NAT RO is progressing the coordination for the rental of office space for the EUR/NAT RO staff during the renovation works.

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.



Visit at Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport

The “Groupe ADP” invited the ICAO EUR/NAT Office for a meeting at their Headquarters at Charles de Gaulle airport to present several of its activities. The discussions and presentations addressed several topics including training needs, retaining qualified personnel, environmental actions, cybersecurity, innovation and the role of airports in the future. At the occasion of this visit, Groupe ADP invited the ICAO delegation to visit their innovation center, the baggage sorting system, the ground safety surveillance center, and the firefighting department.



Chinese New Year Celebrations



The Chinese New Year also known as the Lunar New Year was celebrated at the EUR/NAT RO on 6 February 2025. Staff members gathered to celebrate and exchange wishes for health, wealth and prosperity for the ‘Year of the Snake’ that started on 29 January 2025. A Singaporean/Malaysian style raw-fish salad called “Yusheng” was tossed using chopsticks by all present whilst “auspicious wishes” were called aloud. The celebrations are centered on removing the bad and the old, and welcoming in the new and the good.

