

42nd Session of the Assembly and Meetings at ICAO Headquarters



The EUR/NAT Regional Director participated in the 42nd Session of the ICAO Assembly, which was held in Montréal, Canada from 23 September to 3 October 2025. He attend numerous biltaeral meetings between the ICAO leadership and States and organizations from the EUR/NAT area, including Algeria, Azerbaijan, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Morocco, Poland, Portugal, Russian Federation, Spain, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, EASA, EC, ECAC, EUROCONTROL and UNECE. In addition, he supported meetings organized by CDI with EUR/NAT States and organizations regarding ongoing or potential new implementation support activities.



On 23 September 2025, at the request of the Secretary General, the EUR/NAT Regional Director moderated a high-level dialogue on “Aviation’s Essential Role in Advancing Sustainable Development in Landlocked Developing Countries” (LLDCs). The panel explored how aviation can be a transformative enabler of connectivity, resilience, and economic growth for LLDCs, which face unique challenges due to their lack of direct access to the sea.

Key takeaways from the dialogue were as follows:

- ☑ The integration of aviation into national development strategies is essential;
- ☑ Civil Aviation Master Plans are critical tools to attract investment and guide sustainable growth; and
- ☑ The upcoming ICAO LLDC Aviation Needs Analysis must be fully supported by the global community just as was done for Pacific SIDS aviation needs analysis, which EUR/NAT RD had the honor to lead in 2019.



On 1st October 2025, the EUR/NAT Regional Director participated in a meeting with the Director General and senior management of ACI-World, together with the ICAO Secretary General and the other ICAO Regional Directors. The EUR/NAT Regional Director highlighted key challenges related to aerodrome certifications, along with some key underlying systemic issues. He also thanked ACI-World for their support to activities conducted by the EUR/NAT Office, particularly the Country Strategic Plan of Action (COSPA) pilot programme to enhance aviation safety in Uzbekistan, ICAO’s only doubly landlocked country.

During the week preceding the Assembly, from 15 to 22 September 2025, the EUR/NAT Regional Director engaged in meetings with some HQ Directors, Deputy Directors, and Chiefs. He participated in the Full Senior Management Group Meeting (FSMG) as well as meetings of the Monitoring and Assistance Review Board



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(MARB) and the Implementation Support Group (ISG) alongside other meetings organized by CDI, including a Workshop of Civil Aviation Master Plans (CAMP).

The EUR/NAT Regional Director also attended the ICAO Innovation Fair and engaged with exhibitors and participants throughout the event.

State Visit to San Marino



The EUR/NAT Regional Director conducted a State Visit to San Marino from 8 to 9 September 2025, and held meetings with the Secretary of State for Transport, Mr. Marco Gatti, as well as representatives from the ministries in charge of foreign affairs and environmental protection including the Director General, Mr. Marco Conti and his Administration.

During these meetings, an overview of ICAO and its Strategic Plan 2026-2050 and ACT-SAF Programme were highlighted. The Government of San Marino was also invited to consider providing support to ICAO's planned initiative on Needs Analysis for Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) based on the State's experience and success in this area.

Implementation Support

Traveller Identification Programme (TRIP) Strategy course



In collaboration with the ICAO Global Aviation Training (GAT) team at headquarters, the EUR/NAT Regional Office (RO) organized a TRIP Strategy course, that was held in Paris from 22 to 26 September 2025.

Safety and Air Navigation

Aerodrome Safety Oversight Workshop



From 2 to 5 September 2025, the EUR/NAT RO, in collaboration with EASA, organized a workshop on "Aerodrome Safety Oversight" in Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina, for the benefit of Western Balkan States.

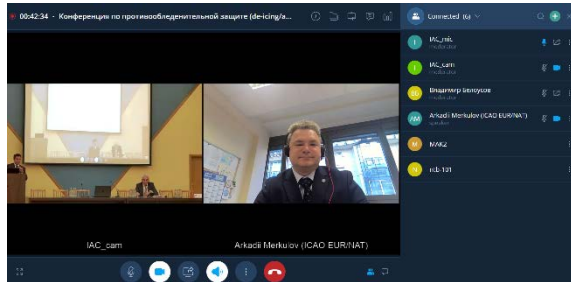
The workshop brought together 24 participants from six States - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, North Macedonia, and Serbia. Its primary objective was to foster sub-regional cooperation and promote the exchange of experiences and best practices in Aerodromes and Ground Aids (AGA) safety oversight.

The event also provided an opportunity to address key topics, including priority Protocol Questions from the ICAO Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) in the AGA domain, particularly



those with low levels of effective implementation. In addition, the workshop supported States in reviewing and advancing the implementation of their Corrective Action Plans (CAPs).

IAC Deicing/Anti-icing Conference



On 9 September 2025, the EUR/NAT RO participated remotely in the annual Conference on Ground De-icing/Anti-icing of Aircraft, organized by the Interstate Aviation Committee (IAC). The event highlighted the critical role of de-icing and anti-icing procedures in preventing accidents caused by airframe icing.



The conference provided a valuable platform for technical exchange, regional coordination, and reaffirmed ICAO's support for integrating international standards into national regulations to enhance flight safety during winter operations.

36th National Safety Coordinators Meeting (NSC)

On 4 September 2025 in Cologne, Germany, EASA convened the 36th National Safety Coordinators (NSC) Meeting, bringing together aviation safety experts for a full day hybrid session focused on regulatory updates, oversight tools, and international coordination.

A dedicated session on ICAO Updates provided insights into recent developments within ICAO, including audit outcomes, regulatory amendments, and collaborative initiatives.

CANSO webinar on System-Wide Information Management (SWIM)



On 11 September 2025, the EUR/NAT RO participated in a webinar organized by the Civil Air Navigation Services Organization (CANSO) on accelerating System-Wide Information Management (SWIM) readiness. The session provided updates on recent SWIM developments and introduced the SWIM implementation kit.

North Atlantic Technology and Interoperability Group (NAT TIG/20)



From 23 to 26 September 2025, the EUR/NAT RO organized the 20th meeting of the North Atlantic Technology and Interoperability Group (NAT TIG/20), hosted by AIRNAV Ireland in Ennis. The meeting reviewed data link performance and outages over the past six months in the NAT region.

The meeting also analyzed GNSS interference impacts on the air fleet operating over North Atlantic. Furthermore, implementation plans for AIDC (Air Traffic



Services (ATS), Interfacility Data Communications) and FF-ICE (Flight and flow in a collaborative environment) in the NAT region were discussed.

Aeronautical Information Management Group (AIMG/10)

The 10th meeting of the Aeronautical Information Management Group (AIMG/10) was held at EUROCONTROL Headquarters in Brussels from 30 September to 1 October 2025. The EUR/NAT RO presented the latest ICAO updates on AIM, covering:

- discussions and conclusions of the European Aviation System Planning Group (EASPG) and its Programme Coordination Group (PCG);
- recent global developments, including the latest adoption of amendments to ICAO SARPs related to AIM; and
- regional matters, such as the EUR Digital AIM (DAIM) Tables for inclusion in the EUR Aviation System Block Upgrades (ASBU) Report and updates on EUR air navigation deficiencies.

EUR Search and Rescue Task Force

On 18 September 2025, the EUR SAR Task Force met remotely to discuss the future amendment of the *Guidance Material to CAAs for Search and Rescue Operations and Training Oversight* (EUR Doc 049). The group identified several potential areas for future guidance, including airworthiness certification, SMS, the role of technical crew members such as hoist operators (including training and qualifications), charting and aeronautical databases for SAR operators, and the use of AI in SAR operations.

The group will continue discussions on the amendment of EUR Doc 049 at the upcoming ICAO EUR SAR Task Force meeting and Joint ICAO EUR/NAT and ACAO SAR Workshop, which will take place at the ICAO Paris office from 19 to 21 November 2025.

Regional Safety Oversight Organisation (RSOO) Cooperative Platform

On 23 September 2025, the EUR/NAT RO participated remotely in the RSOO Cooperative Platform meeting.

Topics discussed included updates from ICAO, RSOOs and a briefing on the RSOO related working and information papers submitted for the 42nd ICAO Assembly.

35th Meeting of the Meteorology Group (METG/35)



The Thirty-fifth meeting of the Meteorology Group (METG/35) of the European Aviation System Planning Group (EASPG) was held in Paris from 16 to 19 September 2025.

The event brought together nearly 100 experts from 41 States and five international organizations (WMO, EASA, EUROCONTROL, IATA and ICAO) to review the current status of implementation and agree on future actions aimed at further strengthening the provision of meteorological services in support of international air navigation.

Discussions focused on implementing the new Quantitative Volcanic Ash (QVA) product, sharing digital meteorological information, and proposing amendments to key EUR/NAT documents to align with the latest ICAO provisions. Delegates emphasized the vital role of System-Wide Information Management (SWIM) in driving the digital transformation of aeronautical meteorological services and highlighted the significant contributions of the Data Management Group (DMG), especially



regarding the implementation and validation of the IWXXM format for exchanging operational meteorological (OPMET) information.

Quantitative Volcanic Ash (QVA) Task Force Coordination Meeting

On 25 September 2025, the EUR/NAT RO participated in the Quantitative Volcanic Ash (QVA) Task Force coordination meeting at EUROCONTROL Headquarters in Brussels, organized by the SESAR Deployment Manager (SDM).

The session gathered ICAO, EUROCONTROL, IATA, Meteo-France, the UK Met Office, SDM and EASA to review progress, set milestones and coordinate QVA implementation.

Participants reviewed follow-up actions, stakeholder updates, user requirements, and preparations for upcoming events such as VOLCEX25 and the SDM QVA Workshop. ICAO reaffirmed its commitment to supporting States and partners in advancing QVA services in line with Annex 3 Amendment 82, PANS-MET (Doc 10157), and the updated contingency plan.

Aviation Security & Facilitation

The EUR/NAT RO participated in several CAPSCA related meetings and submitted contributions to the 118th meeting of the EU Stakeholders Advisory Group on Aviation Security (SAGAS), held on 11 September 2025. Discussions continue regarding the draft legislative proposals amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1998 and Implementing Decision C (2015) 8005.

The EUR/NAT RO participated in the ICAO USAP-CMA Auditors Course that took place from 8 to 16 September 2025, hosted by the Romanian CAA.

Environmental Protection

CORSIA



The EUR/NAT RO continues to support CORSIA Focal Points for the timely submission of the 2024 CO2 emissions data. Three EUR/NAT States have not yet provided their information, and the RO is supporting them to ensure compliance with CORSIA requirements. Specific support was provided to the new Focal Points of Hungary and San Marino that were nominated in September 2025.

The EUR/NAT RO organized an ACT-CORSIA virtual meeting for 13 EUR/NAT States, with support from Germany. The main meeting focused on the role of the States for the offsetting requirement, the calculation of the offsetting requirements, as well as CORSIA eligible emissions units and the role of the TAB. The EUR/NAT RO will organize another ACT CORSIA webinar in October 2025 focusing on the transmission of information related to the offsetting requirements to aeroplane operators (AOs) registered in the States.

On 11 September 2025, the EUR/NAT RO organized a webinar on the CORSIA Eligible Emissions Units, the importance of the Letter of Authorization (LOA), the role of the TAB and the calculations of the offsetting requirements for the AOs. The webinar, held with the participation of ICAO HQ, was attended by over 50 participants from 30 EUR/NAT States.



State Action Plan – SAP

The EUR/NAT RO continues to support Turkmenistan and Tunisia with the development of their first State Action Plan (SAP) and Kazakhstan with their SAP update to include additional and quantified information on the environmental benefits expected from the mitigation measures selected. A technical assistance mission will be organized for this purpose in Kazakhstan in November 2025 in collaboration with EASA.

Support was also provided to Andorra to submit their first SAP to ICAO prior to the 42nd Session of the ICAO Assembly. Monaco will submit its SAP after the Assembly.

Sustainable Aviation Fuels – SAF

The EUR/NAT RO is supporting the Focal Point of Algeria with Assistance, Capacity Building and Training for Sustainable Aviation Fuels (ACT SAF) and the update of their SAP to include SAF.



The EUR/NAT RO participated in the kickoff Feasibility study workshop for Morocco under ACT SAF with EASA as the implementing Agency. The workshop was held in Rabat, Morocco from 8 to 9 September 2025.

The EUR/NAT RO continues to interact with ACAA and the ICAO MID Regional Office to host an interregional EUR-NAT/MID event on SAF in 2026.

Coordination with the European Union, EASA, the EBRD and ICAO/ATB is ongoing

regarding the current ACT SAF Project and the SAF feasibility studies to be developed thanks to EU funding.

Empowerment of Women in Aviation



On 26 September 2025, the ICAO EUR/NAT focal points for Gender Equality participated remotely in the Global Network of Gender Focal Points Meeting held during the ICAO 42nd Assembly.

The meeting covered several key topics, including updates from the ICAO Gender Equality Programme and regional offices, the landmark Women in Aviation study, ICAO HR developments, the Empowering Women's Leadership course at McGill University, IATA's 25 by 2025 programme, and the Mainstreaming Women in Aviation toolkit.

The engaging and productive discussions contributed to the collective goal of enhancing empowerment, representation, and participation of women in the aviation sector.



Transformational objective

EUR/NAT RO Building Renovation works

The EUR/NAT RO building renovation project continues to advance according to plan, marking significant progress across key phases of the project. Since October 2024, the “Assistance à Maîtrise d’Ouvrage (AMO)” company has been providing critical advisory support, guiding the EUR/NAT RO through the administrative, technical, legal, financial, and project management dimensions of the renovation.

Since May 2025, the “Maîtrise d’Oeuvre” (MOE)” company has been working on diagnostics, scenario development, and design planning. The approval for the renovation programme is currently underway, alongside ongoing preparations for securing the building permit. These steps mark important milestones in advancing the project towards its implementation phase. The MOE will also assist the EUR/NAT RO with the preparation of the solicitation documents for the general contractor and its selection, including overseeing the execution and supervision of the construction activities.

In close collaboration with HQ Procurement, EUR/NAT RO finalized and published three additional tenders essential to the renovation project:

- Contrôle technique (CT);
- Coordination Sécurité et Protection de la Santé (SPS); and
- Coordination Système de Sécurité Incendie (SSI).

Parallel to these efforts, arrangements are being finalized with LEB and UNESCO for the temporary relocation of staff to one of UNESCO’s Paris sites during the renovation period.

The next Steering Committee meeting for the EUR/NAT renovation project is scheduled for 16 October 2025, where EUR/NAT and HQ colleagues will present updates and engage with Host State representatives on key developments and next steps.

