



# Joint ECAC-ICAO EUR/NAT workshop on National Facilitation Programmes and Committees

Athens, 12 March 2024

## Provisional programme

- 08:45                    **Registration**
- 09:15                    **Welcome and opening address on the Importance of Air Transport Facilitation**
- **Dr Christos Tsitouras** - HCAA Governor/ Director General, Greece
  - **David Benito** – Director General of Spain and ECAC Focal Point for Facilitation
  - **Nicolas Rallo** - ICAO Regional Director, Europe and North Atlantic

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### Session I:                    **Setting the scene – Lessons from the pandemic for Facilitation**

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*This session will consider the impacts that the COVID-19 pandemic had on aviation and how the challenges were addressed; particularly in terms of coordination between different national authorities within the State, and the role of national committees in this regard.*

- 09:45                    **Presentations:**
- **Raffaele Russo, Eurocontrol** – The Network Manager’s experience during COVID-19 in operational coordination
  - **Lamprini Pappa, Greece** – Greece on its experiences during the pandemic and beyond
  - **Camilla Bloch-Egental, Denmark** – The Danish coordination during the COVID-19 pandemic
  - **Nuria Feroso, IATA** – The industry perspective on experiences and National FAL programmes and committees

### **Q&A**

- 11:00                    **Coffee break and group photo**

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**Session II: The Role of National Air Transport Facilitation Committees**

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*In this session we discuss in detail National Air Transport Facilitation Committees. Speakers will share their own experiences in establishing and managing these Committees, in line with ICAO's principles, ECAC Doc 30 Recommendations and Annexes, and within the context of their own national context and national facilitation programmes.*

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**Presentation**

- **Cathy West**, United Kingdom - The United Kingdom's Facilitation Journey
- **Denia Priami**, Italy – A case study on the role of the FAL Committee and FAL Programme in monitoring activities
- **Diantha Raadgers**, The Netherlands - 'New' style of National Facilitation Committee

**Discussion and Q&A**

13:00 Lunch break

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**Session III: Charting the way forward for Facilitation**

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*With increasing examples of National Facilitation Committees and continuing development across the field of Facilitation in areas such as capacity building and training, there needs to be more consideration of how to enhance Facilitation programmes. International and regional efforts are needed to develop best practices and opportunities to share each other's experiences – both successes and lessons learnt in future.*

Panellists will consider in their remarks and further discussion topics including:

- What are the expectations for future trends or approaches to establishing and managing National Facilitation Programmes and Committees? What are the lessons learned or external factors that are driving this?
- How will border management changes impact, or be reflected under future approaches to National Facilitation Programmes and Committees?
- What is the role of international partnerships in defining and achieving harmonised goals for national authorities and governments?

14:30

**Panel discussion: Charting the way forward**

**Moderator** – Christopher Hornek, ICAO FAL Subject Matter Expert

**Panellists**

- **Kristin Helga Markusdottir**, Iceland
- **Ignacio Zozaya**, Frontex
- **Klesti Dubali**, Albania

**Discussion and conclusions (By the Moderator)**

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16:00

### **Wrap-up and closing statements**

- **David Benito**, Director General of Spain and ECAC Focal Point for Facilitation
- **Nicolas Rallo**, ICAO Regional Director, Europe and North Atlantic

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### **Close**

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