



EMERGING NEW AVIATION CHALLENGES – THE NEED OF SPECIALIZED TRAINING

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CHALLENGES FACED BY AVIATION INDUSTRY



- Environmental concerns
- Digitalization
- Shortage of professional personnel
- New airspace users
- Higher Airspace Operations (HAO)
- Cyberattacks and security

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS



- Aviation is being heavily accused of having a significant environmental impact
- The industry is already developing alternate power plants, fuels, sources of energy and other solutions that intend to help reduce adverse footprint
- The need for the above is growing faster with increasing environmental concerns and the growth of the aviation industry itself

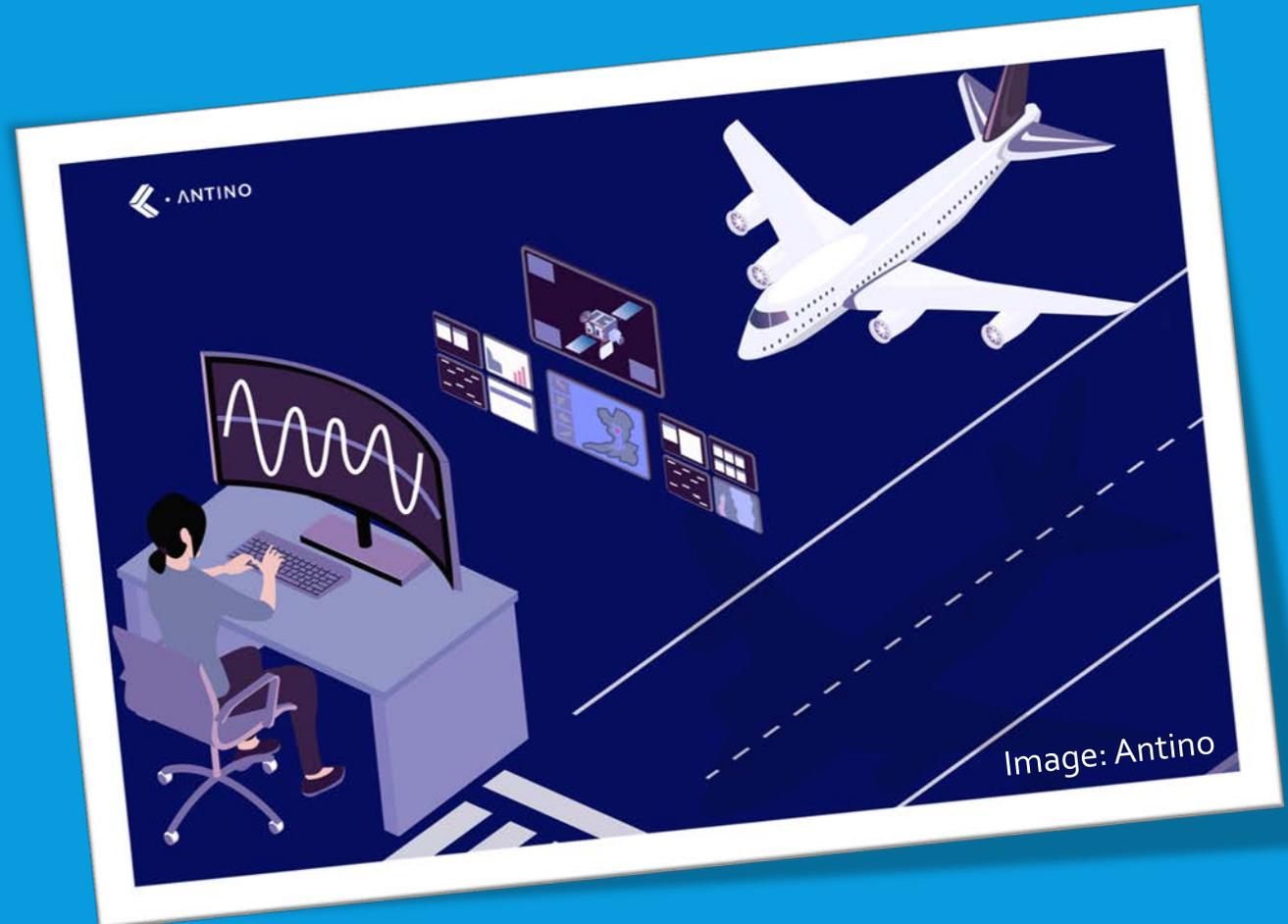


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DIGITALIZATION



- Introduction of digital management and digital solutions to aviation industry
- Need to develop new technologies, software and hardware
- Need to train specialists in both aviation management and new technologies



NEW AIRSPACE USERS



- The airspace users grow in numbers and evolve
- The airspace will host new types of aircraft, such as drones and VTOLs/eVTOLs
- There's a closing prospect of a need to manage both conventional and new types of aircraft sharing the same airspace – establishing regulations, infrastructure, training for professionals etc.



Image: ICAO

SHORTAGE OF PROFESSIONALS



- As a fast-growing industry, the demand for qualified personnel keeps growing
- The demand affects all the professions, including pilots, air traffic controllers, mechanics, dispatchers, ground personnel, instructors, managers, IT specialists, designers, researchers, and much more
- Experts are needed to oversee all branches of the sector, and it's extremely difficult to obtain such experts without drawing them away from other, more critical functions

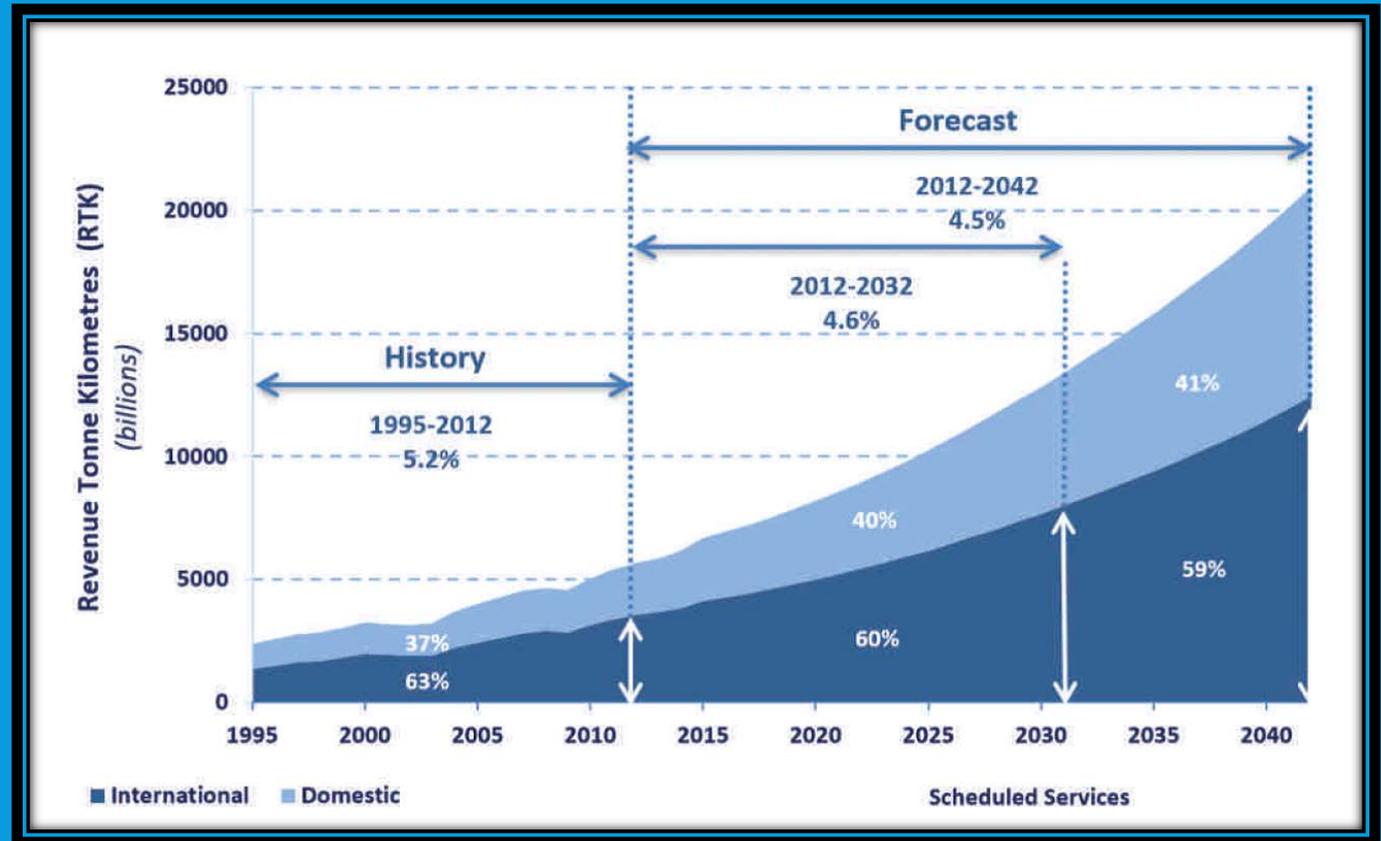


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HIGHER AIRSPACE OPERATIONS (HAO)



- The higher airspace is the volume of airspace above altitudes where the majority of air services are provided today (i.e. above around FL550, or 17 km altitude) (EASA)
- HAO are intended to hold both air transport and space operations, creating a need to provide management in a safe and efficient manner
- ICAO and other international aviation authorities, such as EASA, are already developing the guidelines and concepts for managing HAO



Proposal for a Roadmap on
Higher Airspace Operations



Image: EASA

CYBERATTACKS AND SECURITY



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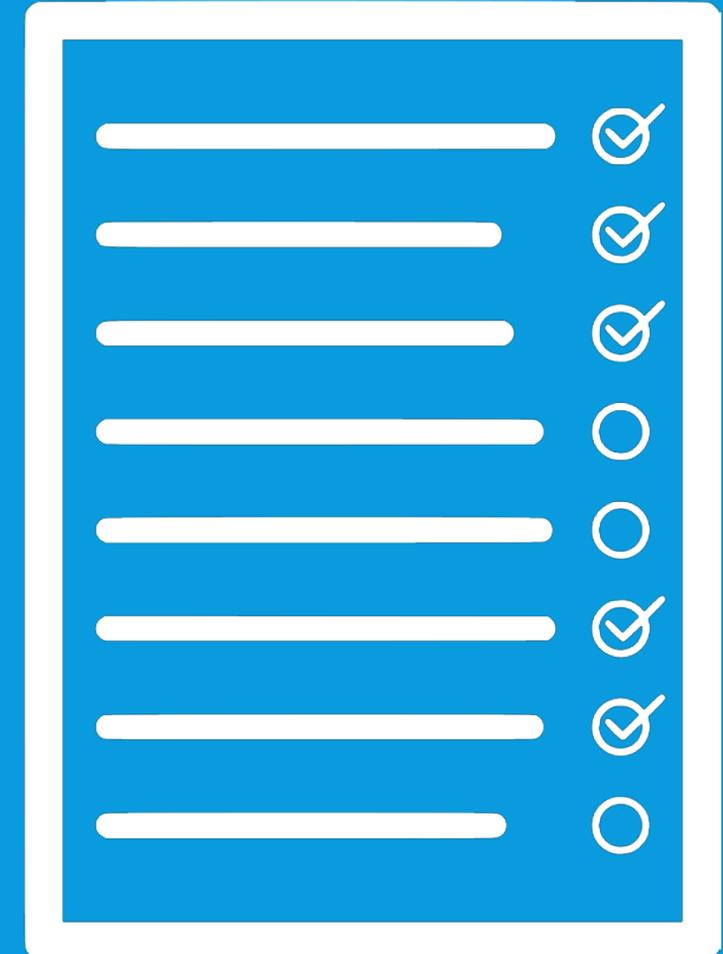


Image: Avionics International

PROPOSAL FOR RECOMMENDATIONS



- *Partnership between training organizations – mainly to provide instructors and other trainers who there is currently shortage of*
- *Connect with EASA network of universities – it can help to share experiences and design the best response to industry needs*
- *Keep the scope of studies as close as possible to the existing and forecasted aviation challenges*
- *Create new university programs, educating professionals in the futuristic fields*
- *Keep the study programs affordable to facilitate the entry to the industry for larger number of students*
- *Liaise with TRAINAIR PLUS to avoid countries left behind*



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