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and the other Member States of the European Civil Aviation Conference², and
EUROCONTROL)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	
This information paper provides an overview of recent European activities, initiatives and projects supporting ICAO <i>No Country Left Behind</i> Strategic Goal in all ICAO’s regions.	
<i>Strategic Goals:</i>	This working paper relates to all ICAO Strategic Goals.
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<i>References:</i>	Resolutions A41-21, A40-6, and A39-23

¹ Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, and Sweden.

² Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Republic of Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, San Marino, Serbia, Switzerland, Türkiye, Ukraine, and the United Kingdom.

Global initiatives

Name of the initiative	Donor	Implementing organisation	State(s)/Region	Specific objective(s)	Amount (in Euro)	Start date – end date
Sustainable Aviation Fuels eligible for Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) under the ICAO Assistance, Capacity-building and Training for Sustainable Aviation Fuels (ACT-SAF) Programme	European Commission	EASA ³ ICAO	India, Africa (Côte d'Ivoire, Cameroon, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritania, Morocco, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa)	a) To promote regional policy dialogues with Partner States on mitigating greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from civil aviation and on the role of sustainable aviation fuels (SAF) as a measure to achieve this. b) To support Partner States implementing global environmental standards such as CORSIA, produce and distribute SAF which abides to CORSIA sustainability criteria of aviation fuels. c) To conduct feasibility studies on production of SAF and support economic entities in Partner States obtaining sustainability and technical certification for SAF sourced and produced in their States.	€ 4.000.000	2024-2027

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				d) To support Partner States in developing national and/or regional policies that effectively contribute towards increased production and uptake of SAF and to integrate such policies as part of the national State Action Plans. e) To promote and support the Partner States in fostering their SAF value chains (production, sustainability criteria, certification, distribution, logistics) and promote the creation of national/regional SAF alliances.		
Capacity Building for CO ₂ Mitigation from International Aviation (CORSIA)	European Commission	EASA	Angola, Antigua & Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Comoros, Congo – Kinshasa, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti,	a) To support Partner States in addressing emissions from international aviation. b) To support building capacities to track, manage and reduce aviation CO₂ emissions. c) To raise awareness and build capacity on sustainable aviation fuels, promoting engagement with national	€ 5.500.000	2019-2025

			Jamaica, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome, St. Lucia, St Kitts and Nevis, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sudan, Suriname, Tanzania, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe	transport/aviation and environment/climate entities, e.g. through bilateral support and workshops.		
Civil Aviation Security in Africa, Middle East and Asia (CASE II)	European Commission	ECAC	Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Djibouti, DRC, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo,	a) To strengthen the civil aviation security regimes in the Partner States. b) To foster the effective implementation by Partner States of baseline security measures, such as ICAO Annex 17 Standards and Recommended Practices. c) To strengthen their aviation security regimes beyond mere compliance with international standards, in particular in the fields of risk management, security culture and quality control.	€ 8.000.000	2020-2025

			Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe			
Aviation Safety – Expertise and technical assistance with reference to the EU Air Safety List	European Commission	EASA	Countries (at risk to be) affected by the Air Safety List	a) To monitor and support of States in the framework of the EU Air Safety List b) To provide expertise and technical assistance to raise common safety standards and enhance safety oversight	≈ € 200.000 per year ≈ 2 to 3 countries per year	Ongoing
Training programmes for aviation personnel from developing countries	French DGCA	DGCA and ENAC (French civil aviation engineer school)	All	a) Enhance the capacities of aviation personnel from developing countries through the French national training programme	€ 1.000.000 every 3 years	Ongoing since 2016

Africa

Name of the initiative	Donor	Implementing organisation	State(s)/Region	Specific objective(s)	Amount (in Euro)	Start date - end date
Operationalisation of the Single African Air Transport Market (SAATM) – Support to the African Civil Aviation	European Commission	EASA	Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Chad, Egypt, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Kenya,	a) To support AFCAC in its role as an executing agency for SAATM /Yammasoukro Decision with institutional assistance, studies, development of rules and capacity building.	€ 5.000.000	2021-2025

Commission (AFCAC)			Lesotho, Liberia, Mali, Morocco, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Republic Democratic of Congo, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Togo and Zimbabwe	b) To support States committed to SAATM, regarding regulatory convergence and harmonisation of working practices. c) To work collaboratively with States that have not yet committed to SAATM, engaging them in dialogue about the potential benefits of joining.		
EU-Africa Safety in Aviation (EU-ASA)	European Commission	EASA	Africa (AFCAC, Regional Safety Oversight Organisations / Regional Accident Investigation Organisations, individual States) Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo-Brazzaville, Congo – Kinshasa, Cote d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali,	a) To support States to meet their obligations under the Chicago Convention and to establish an effective aviation safety system. b) To reinforce the Regional Safety Oversight Organisation, improve the safety oversight regulatory system, achieve enhance safety oversight and implement safety data collection and analysis.	€ 5.000.000	2019-2025

			Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome & Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Eswatini, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe. Bilateral support in Gabon, Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, São Tomé & Príncipe, Tanzania (2025)			
Projet d'Appui à la Gestion des Infrastructures Régionales et Nationales – Afrique centrale (PAGIRN)	European Commission	EASA	Angola, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo-Brazzaville, Congo-Kinshasa, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Rwanda, Sao Tome & Principe	To provide capacity building of the State and regional safety oversight systems	€ 1.700.000	2022-2025
Common Market for Eastern and South Africa - Support to Air Transport Sector Development (SATSD) in the Eastern Africa, Southern Africa and Indian Ocean	European Commission	EASA	Eastern, Southern Africa and Indian Ocean Region.	a) To support air transport market integration within the framework of the Single African Air Transport Market (SAATM) in line with the African Union Agenda 2063. b) To enhance the legal, policy and institutional frameworks and business	€ 8.000.000	2020-2024

region (EA-SA-IO) (COMESA)				environment through sector reforms to strengthen governance and management capacity of the aviation sector. c) To facilitate the provision of seamless operations in EA-SA-IO region to improve air navigation efficiency in a liberalised and integrated air transport market.		
Sustainable Aviation Fuels eligible for Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation under the ICAO ACT SAF Programme	France		Ethiopia, Rwanda, Ivory Coast	a) To promote regional policy dialogues with Partner States on mitigating GHG emissions from civil aviation and on the role SAF as a measure to achieve this. b) To support Partner States implementing global environmental standards such as CORSIA, produce and distribute SAF which abides to CORSIA sustainability criteria of aviation fuels.	€ 820 000	2022-2025

				c) To conduct feasibility studies on production of d) SAF and support economic entities in Partner States obtaining sustainability and technical certification for SAF sourced and produced in their States. e) To support Partner States in developing national and/or regional policies that effectively contribute towards increased production and uptake of SAF and to integrate such policies as part of the national State Action Plans. f) To promote and support the Partner States in fostering their SAF value chains (production, sustainability criteria, certification, distribution, logistics), and promote creation of national/regional SAF alliances.		
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Asia

Name of the initiative	Donor	Implementing organisation	State(s)/Region	Specific objective(s)	Amount (in Euro)	Start date -end date
EU - Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Sustainable Connectivity Package - Aviation Component (EU-ASEAN SCOPE)	European Commission	EASA	ASEAN Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Timor-Leste,	a) Improved conditions for regional integration, safety and sustainability of the civil aviation sector and market within ASEAN and with the EU.	€ 7.000.000	2024-2027
EU-Asia Aviation Partnership Project	European Commission	EASA	North Asia: China, Japan, Korea, Mongolia South Asia: Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka	a) To deepen dialogue and cooperation between aviation authorities, strengthen institutional links and regional and bilateral cooperation. b) To facilitate market access, reduce barriers and promote industrial exchanges. c) To increase mutual awareness of aviation best practices, promote EU standards, raise environmental protection efforts, encourage climate action and support the development of a	€ 10.000.000	2025-2029

				regulatory environment compliant with international standards.		
North Asia Aviation Partnership Project (NA APP)	European Commission	EASA	China, Japan, Korea, Mongolia	a) To deepen dialogue and cooperation between aviation authorities, strengthen institutional links and encourage regional cooperation. b) To facilitate market access, reduce barriers and promote industrial exchanges. c) To increase mutual awareness of aviation best practices, promote high standards, raise environmental protection efforts and encourage climate action.	€ 7.000.000	2021-2024
South Asia Aviation Partnership Project (SA APP II)	European Commission	EASA	Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka.	a) To deepen dialogue and cooperation between aviation authorities, strengthen institutional links and regional cooperation. b) To facilitate market access, reduce barriers and promote industrial exchanges.	€ 5.500.000	2021-2024

				c) To increase mutual awareness of aviation best practices, promote high standards, raise environmental protection efforts and encourage climate action.		
Sustainable Aviation Fuels eligible for Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation under the ICAO ACT SAF Programme	Austria		Asia: Vietnam, other countries tbc	a) To promote regional policy dialogues with Partner States on mitigating GHG emissions from civil aviation and on the role SAF as a measure to achieve this. b) To support Partner States implementing global environmental standards such as CORSIA, produce and distribute SAF which abides to CORSIA sustainability criteria of aviation fuels. c) To conduct feasibility studies on production of SAF and support economic entities in Partner States obtaining sustainability and technical certification for SAF sourced and produced in their States.	€ 40.000	ongoing

				d) To support Partner States in developing national and/or regional policies that effectively contribute towards increased production and uptake of SAF and to integrate such policies as part of the national State Action Plans. e) To promote and support the Partner States in fostering their SAF value chains (production, sustainability criteria, certification, distribution, logistics), and promote creation of national/regional SAF alliances.		
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Latin America

Name of the initiative	Donor	Implementing organisation	State(s)/Region	Specific objective(s)	Amount (in Euro)	Start date - end date
Latin America & Caribbean Aviation Partnership Project (LAC APP II)	European Commission	EASA	Latin America Caribbean Main partners: Argentina, Brasil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico,	a) To deepen dialogue and cooperation between aviation authorities, strengthen institutional links and encourage regional cooperation.	€ 4.000.000	2022-2025

			Panamá, Dominican Republic, Sistema Regional de Cooperación para la Vigilancia de la Seguridad Operacional (SRVSOP), Latin American Civil Aviation Commission (LACAC), Central American Aviation Safety Agency (ACSA), Caribbean Aviation Safety and Security Oversight System (CASSOS)	b) To facilitate market access, reduce barriers and promote industrial exchanges. c) To increase mutual awareness of aviation best practices, promote high standards, raise environmental protection efforts and encourage climate action.		
ECAC Aviation Security Capacity Building Programme	ECAC Member States	ECAC	Peru	a) To provide technical assistance to strengthen Peru CAA's aviation security system, particularly in relation to the deployment of advanced security equipment at the new terminals of Lima and Cusco airports, and in addressing related challenges. b) To supporting Peru CAA in enhancing the competencies of national auditors in overseeing the screening of passengers, cabin baggage, and hold baggage, as well as the use	-	2024-2025

				of security equipment for screening.		
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European Neighbourhood

Name of the initiative	Donor	Implementing organisation	State(s)/Region	Specific objective(s)	Amount (in Euro)	Start date - end date
Euromed Transport Aviation Project (ETAP)	European Commission	EASA	Southern European neighbourhood (Mediterranean): Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya (implementation of activities requires explicit advance agreement from the Commission), Morocco, Palestinian territories, Syria (cooperation with Syrian governmental authorities suspended), and Tunisia	a) To develop and support the Euro Mediterranean Southern neighbourhood countries, by strengthening institutional links, promoting regulatory harmonization, addressing capacity limitations and supporting environmental protection and climate change action. b) To promote harmonized policy, standards and best practice in order to support the development of a wider Common Aviation Area.	€ 3.000.000	2019-2025
EaP	European Commission	EASA	Eastern European neighbourhood (EU) ECAC Member States - Armenia, Azerbaijan,	c) Support the implementation of common aviation area agreements with the EU	€ 4.5000.000	2023-2026

			Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine	d) Strengthening of oversight systems in Partner States		
EASA- State Aviation Administration of Ukraine (SAAU) Airworthiness Convergence	European Commission	EASA	Ukraine	a) To further support the implementation of the joint arrangement on the convergence of certification systems in aviation.	€ 1.000.000	2020-2024
ARMENIA	European Commission	EASA	Armenia	a) To provide capacity building of the state of safety oversight system.	€ 1.000.000	2022-2024

Europe

ECAC Capacity Building Activities

Name of the initiative	Donor	Implementing organisation	State(s)/Region	Specific objective(s)	Amount (in Euro)	Start date - end date
ECAC Aviation Security Capacity Building Programme	ECAC Member States	ECAC	ECAC Member States, including: Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Netherlands,	a) To promote understanding of new and evolving threats to aviation and fostering the application of risk-based approach to aviation security. b) To support ECAC Member States in enhancing their security regimes through the exchange of experiences, lessons learned and best practices in various aviation	-	Ongoing since 2004

			North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye, Ukraine, and the United Kingdom.	security domains, including security equipment, training and certification of security personnel, human factors and motivation. c) To support ECAC Member States in enhancing the competencies of national auditors in conducting security inspections, audits and tests in various aviation security domains, including security of passenger and cabin baggage, hold baggage, air cargo and mail, in-flight and airport supplies, cyber security and the use security equipment.		
ECAC Facilitation Capacity Building Programme	ECAC Member States	ECAC	All ECAC Member States are eligible	a) To support ECAC Member States in enhancing their facilitation measures and regimes (e.g. assistance on national facilitation programmes, guidance material, workshops on assistance to family and victims of air accidents).	-	On-going
ECAC Environment	ECAC Member States	ECAC	All ECAC Member States are eligible	a) To support ECAC Member States in enhancing their environment measures though the exchange of	-	On-going since 2021

Capacity Building Programme				experiences, lessons learned and best practices in various environment domains (e.g. webinars, workshops, Forum).		
ECAC Quality Assessment Programme on assistance to PRMs (QAP)	ECAC Member States	ECAC	ECAC Member States including: Croatia, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Germany Greece, Italy, Switzerland, North Macedonia, Norway	a) To improve the quality of assistance to persons with disabilities. b) To standardise methods for compliance monitoring activities to support operators to provide assistance for persons with reduced mobility that is of sufficient quality. c) To increase the capacity and strengthen the skills of national experts in performing quality control activities through monitoring of service providers and regulated entities in facilitation.	-	Ongoing since 2024 (pilot programme from 2019)

The Portuguese Civil Aviation Authority (ANAC) additionally supports ICAO's "No Country Left Behind" initiative by collaborating with Lusophone countries to enhance safety, security, and regulatory compliance. Key efforts include working with Cape Verde on operational safety and airworthiness and conducting technical training in Portuguese under the CASE II Project. ANAC also undertook audits and technical assistance in São Tomé and Príncipe to address regulatory gaps. Currently, new safety cooperation projects with Angola, Cape Verde and East Timor are underway.

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