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**South Atlantic Implementation Management Group SAT IMG  
ESCIT (EUR-SAM Airspace Concept Implementation Team)**

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**NINTH ESCIT MEETING SoD  
ESCIT09**

**(Online, 24th March 2026)**



## **1- Background**

The ESCIT (EUR/SAM Corridor Implementation Team) is a contributory body created by the ICAO SAT/IMG for improvements in the EUR/SAM Corridor.

In this case, the purpose of the present meeting is to coordinate and update the last information regarding the PBCS implementation of ESCIT members (Atlantico, Dakar Oceanic, Sal Oceanic and Canarias FIRs) and the Information Papers and Working Papers to be presented at the next combined SAT IMG7 / SAT SOG7 meetings to be held in Dakar between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of April, 2026.

## **2- ESCIT09 Meeting agenda**

Mr. Eduardo Ortuño, acting as Chairman of ESCIT, opened the meeting by welcoming all representatives from the various Member States and thanking them for their participation despite the short notice with which the meeting had been convened.

Mr. Ortuño extended a special welcome and appreciation to Mr. Sanogo Adama (SAT-IMG Chairman) and informed the participants that Mr. Jorge Ávila (SAT-SOG Chairman) would be joining the meeting later.

He then presented the agenda for the session, which was approved by the members present.



**SCHEDULE**

**(from 13:00 to 14:30 UTC)**

UTC	Subject
13:00 - 15:00	Welcome, and items 0,1 and 2

**0. Agenda Item: Opening and objectives of ESCIT09.**

0.1. Adoption of the Agenda.

0.2. Objective of ESCIT09.

**1. Agenda Item: PBCS Implementation Plan for EUR-SAM.**

1.1. PBCSI Plan update.

**2. Agenda Item: wp & IP to be presented by the states.**

2.1. List of ENAIRE papers.

2.2. List of ASA papers.

2.3. List of ASECNA papers.

2.4. List of DECEA papers.

2.5. List of SATMA papers.

**3. Agenda Item: COMENTS ON SAT DOC001 HANDBOOK.**

3.1. Discussion about the last draft of SAT Doc.001.



### **3- DISCUSSIONS**

#### **1. Agenda Item 1: PBCS Implementation Plan for EUR-SAM.**

The checklist on PBCS implementation within the EUR–SAM corridor was presented, including a review of the main items, with particular emphasis on those whose deadlines have already expired or are approaching expiry. The updated dates provided by ENAIRE were shared, after which the floor was given to the remaining members to allow them to update their respective timelines.

The Brazilian representatives highlighted the need to determine whether the rest of the group expects to meet the PBCS implementation deadline. They noted that once Brazil publishes its date and issues the corresponding LoA with its effective date, it becomes very difficult to postpone it.

Mr. Ortuño clarified that the April 2026 dates related to the LoA item were draft proposals intended for presentation to the adjacent States. Therefore, the effective dates may be postponed to whatever is mutually agreed with each adjacent State, allowing sufficient time for coordination.

The review and update of the checklist dates continued accordingly.

The updated table with the newly agreed deadlines will also be submitted as an Information Paper by ENAIRE on behalf of ESCIT at the upcoming combined SAT IMG/07 - SAT SOG/07 meetings.

#### **2. Agenda Item 2: WP & IP to be presented by the states.**

The item began with the presentation of a table outlining the Information Papers (IP) and Working Papers (WP) that ENAIRE and SATMA will submit to both the SAT IMG and SAT SOG meetings.



## **2.1. List of ENAIRE Papers**

### **ENAIRE**

- IP 260320\_IPXX\_EURSAM\_PBCS IMPLEMENTATION CHECKLIST
- IP STATE REPORT 2025 SPAIN – CANARIAS ACC
- WP 260320\_WPXX\_EURSAM\_PBCS AICs PROPOSED  
STANDARDIZATION
- WP 260320\_WPXX\_EURSAM\_CONTINGENCY PLAN DOC002

Regarding the first IP, it was confirmed that the table and the updated dates agreed during the previous discussion will be presented.

A brief introduction was provided for the two WPs to be submitted by ENAIRE.

### **2.1.1 WP 260320\_WPXX\_EURSAM\_PBCS AICs Proposed Standardization**

It was recalled that, in the last meeting, IATA and the SAT-IMG itself suggested that all States strive to harmonize the information to be published regarding PBCS implementation. The objective is to facilitate and standardize, as far as possible, the material distributed to operators and other users of the EUR/SAM Corridor.

The purpose of this WP is to offer a model based on the AIC published by DECEA in November 2025, intended as a reference for ESCIT members when developing their own AICs. Each State may adapt the content as needed to reflect its own conditions or operational circumstances.

It was clarified that any specific content appearing in the tables or text—including separation minima, dates, subphases, or FIR specific information (e.g., meteorology, random routes)—must reflect the operational reality of each State and the bilateral agreements with adjacent FIRs.



Each Member State is encouraged to review the AIC's draft thoroughly before publication, and to share it with adjacent States for coordination and confirmation.

This SoD highlights that the document is only a draft, intended to facilitate and harmonize general sections and criteria. Each State must update and insert the information they deem relevant.

### **2.1.2. WP 260320\_WPXX\_EURSAM\_CONTINGENCY PLAN DOC002**

A brief introduction was provided for this WP. It contains two proposed amendments to SAT DOC 002, affecting only the Canarias FIR and not the other Member States.

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## **2.2. List of ASA Papers**

ASA will submit an IP containing their State Report, as well as updates to SAT DOC 002 regarding the western contingency routes and random route airspace.

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## **2.3. List of ASECNA Papers**

ASECNA representative presented a brief introduction of the appendix A of the WP containing proposed amendments to SAT DOC 002. Their proposal focuses primarily on improving the record of amendment table as well as revising Section 3 concerning amendments. They consider that it is not necessary to include certain elements, such as the requirement to transmit messages via the AFTN or the signatures of the authorized representatives of the Member States, among others.

They also presented a proposal for changes to contingency ATS routes of the EUR-SAM corridor section. It was noted that after activating their contingency plan within their FIR, the current system produced a significant workload for adjacent States and contradicted the standard operational flow of the corridor. They then suggest



maintaining the existing route structure in case of contingency plan activation segregating FL310 et FL320 for crossing traffic.

ENAIRE emphasized that, until all States agree on the content and formally adopt SAT DOC 002, the priority must be to ensure proper coordination.

ASECNA will present an additional WP on Operational impact of space launch activities on Dakar oceanic FIR, as well as an IP concerning the State Report in accordance with SAT IMG recurrent actions R01 and 02.

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#### **2.4. List of DECEA Papers**

DECEA will present on behalf of the ESCIT/IMG representatives, two papers:

- An **Information Paper (IP)** containing statistical data, comparative analysis, and forecasts for the last semester of 2025; and
- A **Working Paper (WP)** aimed to present automated PBCS monitoring reports forms developed by Brazil to support datalink performance monitoring, identify potential non-compliance with RCP/RSP requirements, and contribute to regional PBCS monitoring activities.

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#### **2.5. List of SATMA Papers**

SATMA expressed concern regarding the progress of the trials, which they consider a priority item for both SAT-IMG/07 and SAT-SOG/07.

IP Flight Planning PBCS Issues in the EUR/SAM Corridor 2025 IP CRA 2024 and 2025 (Provisional)

IP Traffic Figures in the EUR/SAM Corridor 2025 Scrutiny Group



IP Trials PBCS Report (February 2026)

IP LHD Reports – The EUR/SAM Corridor (2025)

IP Status of PBCS Monitoring and Reporting Guidance.

### **3. Agenda Item: COMENTS ON SAT DOC001 HANDBOOK.**

#### 3.1. Discussion about the last draft of SAT Doc.001.

ENAIRES asked the group for their views on the recent suggestion or initiative to modify the SAT Handbook, noting that it came as a surprise to Spain and other States such as Portugal. The proposal generated concern within ENAIRES's Central Services and even within the Spanish General of Civil Aviation Authority (DGAC), as neither the rationale for the changes nor the process being followed to draft or propose them was understood.

Mr. Diouf stated that he was not aware of who had produced the draft. He stressed that Spain has been part of the SAT Region since its inception and therefore great care must be taken, as there is no justification for excluding the Canary Islands and, therefore, Spain. He recommended not accepting this decision or the proposed changes, adding that internal ICAO restructuring should not affect SAT membership or the composition of the SAT Region.

Mr. Thioune expressed his concern as well, noting that the proposal had not been validated. He suggested including the topic under *the item 9 – Any Other Business* of the combined SAT IMG7 / SAT SOG7 approved agenda, with the intention of removing the new appendices and maintaining the original annexes and membership as initially established.

A clarification from the SAT Secretariat is therefore required regarding this matter.



The meeting concluded with no further contributions from the members. The Chairman expressed appreciation for the attention and participation of all attendees, with special thanks extended to Mr. Jorge Ávila and Mr. Sanogo Adama for their support.

**--- END OF THE MEETING ---**

#### **4- LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

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