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Thomas Buchanan has spent nearly his entire professional life in air traffic control. Trained as a Tower and Approach controller for Geneva Tower, before taking on a role in the Federal Office for Civil Aviation, the Swiss civil aviation authority in the domain of Air Traffic Management and Instrument Flight Procedures.

A couple of years later, he returned to the Swiss Air Navigation Services Provider and took over the Instrument Flight Procedure Design Office, allowing the entity of making the transition into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century by getting rid of all the paper support and incorporating the digital information into the design process. He represented skyguide in various Forums at ICAO and also on European level, allowing gaining the expertise of the International Affairs. He joined the skyguide International Affairs division in 2007 and has taken the lead of it in 2010.

Since 2014, Thomas Buchanan prepared the accession of skyguide in the European ATM research programme – SESAR. After the positive accession, he is representing skyguide on the governance level of the SESAR Joint Undertaking at the Administrative Board and at the Programme committee. He also contributed in the development of the Virtual Centre Business Model that skyguide is currently deploying between its two area control centres in Geneva and in Zurich, allowing skyguide to operate on centre from two locations.