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Welcome to the seventh issue of the SESAR e-news. This regular electronic newsletter aims at giving an overview of the latest developments at SESAR, Europe's ambitious ATM modernisation programme.

### SESAR: 100 first projects in execution



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### SESAR and low fares airlines team up



Following an open call for tenders, the SESAR Joint Undertaking last week signed a framework contract with the European Low Fares Airlines Association (ELFAA) to include its expertise in the execution of the SESAR work programme. For this contract, the association has secured the confirmed participation of three ELFAA airline members: Ryanair, Jet 2.com and Flybe. Including all air transport actors in the development of SESAR technology and procedures is a key principle of the Joint Undertaking. Patrick Ky, Executive Director of the SESAR Joint Undertaking and John Hanlon, Secretary General of ELFAA, [highly welcomed this step](#) and have high expectations in the cooperation.

### EU – Latin America: strengthening cooperation



At a joint EU–Latin America Civil Aviation Summit held in Rio de Janeiro on 25 and 26 May, Commission Vice-President Siim Kallas, responsible for transport, signed two "joint declarations" with Latin American aviation leaders that will lay the foundation for closer cooperation in civil aviation between the EU and Latin America. The event is jointly organised by the European Commission, the National Civil Aviation Agency of Brazil and the Latin American Civil Aviation Commission. Latin America is one of the world's fastest growing aviation markets and of strategic importance to the EU and its industry. Among the main issues discussed during the summit are 'Removing barriers to air transport in the EU and Latin America', 'Developments in the airline industry in Latin America' and 'Safety and Security – Challenges and Potentials for Cooperation'. Patrick Ky, Executive Director of the SESAR Joint Undertaking, presented the SESAR programme in a dedicated session on 'EU and Air traffic management and new technologies'. He highlighted in his speech that regional ATM modernisation solutions need to be interoperable and that SESAR welcomes the opportunity for dialogue with Latin America.

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Guidelines were issued on 21 May to help minimise airspace closures in Europe in the event of volcanic ash. This is the result of the European Commission, Eurocontrol and the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) working closely together with airlines, regulators, and aircraft and engine manufacturers over the past month. The improved approach will offer Member States greater flexibility in deciding how to manage their airspace, allowing for less flight disruption while still ensuring the highest level of safety. In addition the Commission and Eurocontrol have decided to create a European Crisis Coordination Cell (EACCC) to ensure a timely response to any future pan-European crisis severely affecting aviation. For more information, [click here](#).

### SESAR Annual Report published



The 2009 SESAR Annual Report is published and available for download on our website. [Click here](#) to get summarised information on the SJU's activities performed during 2009 as well as the financial background on the 2009 accounts.