



Welcome to the tenth 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.



Securing airspace users' involvement in Execution phase



On 7 October, the first Quarterly Contract Review meeting between the SJU and contribution managers of the contracted airspace users was held. The primary objective of the meeting was to plan and manage the airspace users' involvement within the SESAR programme for the next 12 months. The group is looking at managing at Programme Level the technical input from pilots, engineers, flight dispatchers, etc. in the SESAR work programme. Their expertise is sought especially to help define and validate new ATM solutions (R&D) but also to strengthen the link between the R&D Programme

and the ATM Master Plan (Deployment). Approximately 70 airspace user experts already contributed by reviewing more than 200 project initiation reports and providing valuable advises to the SJU. These reviews and advises were in turn translated into the feed-back from the SJU to project managers at the end of the Initiation Phase. The involvement of airspace user experts is expected to grow over the course of the next 12 month as they will join relevant SESAR project teams. Airspace users are particularly keen to validate SESAR solutions in their operational environment in the course of 2011.

20 October: Day of the Controller



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On 20 October 1961, 12 European associations founded the International Federation of Air Traffic Controllers' Associations (IFATCA) to promote safety, efficiency and regularity in international air navigation to assist and to advise in the development of safe and orderly systems of traffic control and to promote and uphold a high standard of knowledge and professional efficiency among air traffic controllers.

To mark its 20th anniversary, the federation designated 20 October 1981 as "the day of the controller" to promote its profession. Since then, the member associations have celebrated that date each year as the International Day of the Air Traffic Controller.

"In the name of all SESAR contributors, I want to thank IFATCA for its 50 years of hard work to make air transport safer and more environmentally friendly. Having the Staff Associations (IFATCA, ATCEUC, ETF, IFATSEA and ECA) on board of SESAR is vital as they will push us to develop and very importantly validate the procedures and technologies responding to the needs of the staff working in aviation", says Patrick Ky on the occasion of the International Day of the Air Traffic Controller.

Cooperation, pragmatic compromise, and commitment to act are at the heart of IFATCA's work

approach. Consequently, having been part of the definition phase, the federation has committed to contribute actively to SESAR, Europe's air traffic management modernisation programme. "SESAR has clearly been chosen as the future of European air traffic management. Therefore, IFATCA will provide its 50 years of experience and expertise to make SESAR a success for all stakeholders", says Alexis Brathwaite, IFATCA President and Chief Executive Officer.

Save the date: SESAR at ATC Global in Amsterdam



SESAR will offer again an attractive programme to everybody interested in Europe's ambitious ATM modernisation programme at [ATC Global 2011](#) (8-10 March 2011). You can visit us at our booth or get a full update on the SESAR programme at the SESAR forum (8 March, afternoon). We will also organise a conference on interoperability (9 March, morning) and four dedicated technical workshops (e.g. on SWIM or airports; 9 March, afternoon). More information can be found [on our website](#).

SESAR participation at 5th Aviation & Environment summit



Over 300 aviation experts met with representatives of civil society, governments and suppliers to assess progress towards the industry-wide targets to reduce aviation carbon emissions during the [5th Aviation & Environment Summit 2010](#) in Geneva. The three areas of industry development that carry the greatest potential for emissions reductions are new technologies, air traffic management improvements and the use of sustainable aviation biofuels.

Consequently Patrick Ky (Executive Director of the SESAR Joint Undertaking) was invited to give detailed updates on the SESAR work programme and AIRE, its green component. To access an interview with Patrick Ky recorded at the event, [click here](#).

SESAR at high-level events



The SESAR Joint Undertaking is invited to give high-level presentations at the European Parliament conference "[A new space policy for Europe](#)" (26-27 October 2010) and the [European Aviation Summit](#) organised by the Belgian Presidency of the European Union (26-27 October 2010). While Patrick Ky will give a key-note speech at the first one during a session on "Space Infrastructure to the service of society", Michael Standar will focus in his speech in Bruges on the priorities of

the SESAR work programme. Both interventions will be made available on the [SESAR website](#) after 27 October 2010.

SESAR and Turkey sign common declaration

On the occasion of a high level SESAR seminar on 23 September in Istanbul, the Turkish Directorate General for Civil Aviation (DGAC), EUROCONTROL and the SESAR Joint Undertaking signed a common declaration to strengthen cooperation between Turkey and SESAR. The active participation of Turkey in the programme through open call for tenders would be highly welcomed, according to Patrick Ky, Executive Director of the SESAR Joint Undertaking. To access the declaration, [click here](#). The seminar for Turkish air transport stakeholders was attended by some 150 experts and organised by the Turkish DGAC.

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