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# **The South East Europe Functional Airspace Block Approach (SEE FAB A) Follow Up - Autumn 2007**

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## History:

**2005:** The **ECAA (European Common Aviation Area)** multilateral agreement was negotiated between European Commission, on behalf of European Community and **9** contracting countries / parties non EU members (**Albania, Bosnia-Hertegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Serbia & Montenegro, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Island, Norway, Romania**) and **UNMIK**, which agreed to align their national aviation legislation to the complete set of EU legislation in the area of Civil Aviation.

**June 2006:** **Luxembourg, 10** states 😊 signed ECAA agreement. That happened because in the meantime Montenegro was born.



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## History (2):

- On the **1st of April 2005**, A Working Group has been created - the South East Europe Functional Airspace Block Approach Working Group (**SEE FABAWG**). SEE FABAWG was created in order to examine opportunities with a view to implementing the Functional Airspace Block Approach (FABA) in South East Europe.
- SEE FABAWG activity is supported by **Italy** and **Greece**, as European Union Member States, adjacent to SEE region.



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## History (3):

- The SEE FABA Road Map includes three phases:
  - **Phase 1 (Study phase):** april 2005 – 28 february 2006;
- On the **28th of February 2006**, the final SEE FABA WG Report was signed by the Directors General of Civil Aviation from SEE countries, **except Croatia**. The signing of this Report means the end of the study phase and the beginning of the definition phase.
  - **Phase 2 (Definition phase):** march 2006 – march 2009;
  - Phase 3 (Implementation phase): april 2009 – ?



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## **The Definition Phase is organised in three levels of responsibilities:**

- **The SEE FABA Governing Body:** composed of State representatives from the SEE FABA States together with the European Commission and Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe
- **The SEE FABA Management Committee:** comprises of representatives of the Directors General of Civil Aviation and of the European Commission and Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe
- **Task Management and Coordination of the Work Areas- 3 Work Areas – 17 Working Packages – organised by Eurocontrol** comprised of experts from designated States, ANSPs and EUROCONTROL.



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## **What happened after Bucharest ATCEUC Meeting:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Social Forum Meeting in Sofia 24<sup>th</sup> of April 2007**

**Management Committee Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> of April 2007**

**Governing Body Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> of June 2007**

**High Level Task Force Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> of July 2007**



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- **1<sup>st</sup> Social Forum Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> of April**
- Pre Meeting with the TU and Professional Associations from the area.
- Drafted a position and a presentation for the meeting.
- **Statement of the Trade Unions and Professional Associations from Albania, Bosnia- Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, FYR of Macedonia, Romania and Serbia**



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- Extracts from the statement:
- “For the time being we are all against SEE FABA Project “
- “this project started 2 years ago and until now there was no proper Social Dialogue and no staff involvement.”
- “We are nevertheless concerned that this forum is created only in order to get a good image outside and that our concerns and our input will not be taken into account properly”
- “Because the project had a bad start, resistance grew in the region and we think it will continue to grow unless the people in the region will not be convinced that they own the project”
- “In our region trust is everything and if the trust is lost, you end up loosing everything.”



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- **Requests (1):**
- 1. We are requesting one seat with an observer status inside the Management Committee in order to achieve a better degree of transparency and cooperation.
- 2. We are requesting one seat with an observer status inside the Governing Body for the same reasons.



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- **Requests (2):**
- 3. We shall continue to have this Social Forum Meetings twice a year, with one full day preparatory meeting for our side the day before. The Agenda of this Social Forum Meetings has to be commonly agreed in advance. These meetings shall be co- chaired (like the ones done at European level) by one representative from Management Committee side and one representative from the Trade Unions and Professional Association side.
- 4. We are requesting to be involved in the WP1: Operational Concept Document and Concept of Operations, WP2: Airspace Design and Operational Coherence, WP5: Harmonisation of ATC Procedures, WP6: ATC Staff Recruitment/Training/Licensing, because we think that our professional expertise is essential inside those WP.



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- Management Committee Meeting (25<sup>th</sup> of April):
- They have **approved** in principle requests number 1,3 and 4.
- Governing Body Meeting (19<sup>th</sup> of June):
- They have **approved** the recommendations made by the Management Committee.
- **BUT:**
- “The Governing Body has noted that, although some substantial work has been made, the SEE FABA project **has not progressed as expected** during the past year due to external as well as internal reasons.”



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- **Governing Body Meeting (19<sup>th</sup> of June)(2):**
- “**urgent** actions need to be taken in order to remedy the situation and to **reorient the focus** of the project from "Functional Airspace Block approach only" **to a global implementation** of the Single European Sky in South East Europe”.
- “The Governing Body has therefore decided to **establish** at the earliest a High Level Task Force that will reassess the existing situation and **propose a road map** on the basis of which the project should be continued. The report shall be presented for an ad hoc Governing Body meeting **by the end of 2007.**”
- **Integra** has been contracted by the European Commission to conduct the necessary technical support to the High Level Task Force



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- **High Level Task Force Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> of July**

- The scope of activities shall therefore cover all aspects of the SES, including inter-alia:
  - • Implementation of the interoperability issues in order to create a basis for **harmonisation and integration** between the different service providers;
  - • Participation of the region in SESAR Joint Undertaking in order to accommodate the results of the SESAR work;
  - • Training and the implementation of the EU Directive concerning common European ATCO license;
  - • Cross border recognition of certificated and licensed ANSP's jointly designated, cooperation between NSAs beyond the FAB issues.



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- **High Level Task Force Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> of July (2)**
- The Task Force shall analyse and elaborate how the SEE FABA project can be expanded to cover the following issues:
  - The future organisational framework for the performance and integration of bi or multi lateral initiatives leading towards the implementation of the Single European Sky;
  - The organisational structure of an enhanced SEE FABA project in order to trigger harmonisation as a pillar for SES implementation
  - Suggest practical implementation projects which can be performed under the umbrella of SEE FABA providing early benefits;



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- • Address and suggest solutions for the interface problems within the SEE FABA and the "area of interest" of the current supporting states Italy and Greece, ongoing initiatives such as CEATS/FAB CE, Blue Med, Danube and with the RADA cooperation;
- • Identify and describe the role and responsibilities of different international Organisations including ICAO, NATO, EUROCONTROL and other important stakeholders in the implementation
- In the spirit of transparency and cooperation with all stakeholders a consultation process will be conducted with all the stakeholders and in particular **with the social partner. An ad-hoc consultation meeting of the social partners will be organised at the earliest possible.**



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- What's next and conclusions?
- Everything “on hold” until the report of the High Level Task Force
- Approximately 5-6 November meeting between the Focal Point and ??????????????
- 28<sup>th</sup> of November meeting with the trade unions in Brussels, when it will be presented the new orientation of the SEE FABA Project.
- Governing Body Meeting by the end of the year to discuss the result of the work of the High Level Task Force.



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**Thank you for your patience!  
Any ideas, concerns, news?**