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Minutes from

3rd Management Committee Meeting of the SEE FABA

Belgrade, 22 September 2006

Date	22 September 2006, 09:00 to 14:00
Place	Hyatt Regency Hotel, Belgrade
Chairman	Mr. Andreas Boschen, DG -TREN, European Commission
Co-Chairman	Mr. Oswald Hutter, Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe
Annexes	<u>Annex 1:</u> List of Participants <u>Annex 2:</u> Statement from Greece <u>Annex 3:</u> Statement from Romanian, Bulgarian, Serbian and Macedonian Professional Associations and Trade Unions concerning Social Dialogue inside SEE FABA <u>Annex 4:</u> Document BUL-ROM
Meeting documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agenda• Minutes of the 2nd Management Committee meeting in Brussels• Meeting report from 1st Governing Body meeting• PMP SEE-FABA, ver. 0.31 (dated 15 September 2006)• OCD SEE-FABA, ver. 0.41 (dated 15 September 2006)

1 Welcome

The Chairman welcomed the participants and presented apologies from Mr. Mladen Stepanic, Croatian CAA, who was not able to attend this meeting due to the accession negotiations in Brussels. On behalf of the EC, the Chairman expressed his good feelings from the Stakeholders Workshop, held the day before. SMATSA gave an invitation to visit Belgrade ACC after the meeting, an invitation that led to a great number of visitors later in the afternoon.

2 Adoption of the Agenda

2.1 The Agenda was adopted without any changes.

3 Approval of the minutes of the 2nd Management Committee Meeting

3.1 The minutes from the 2nd Management Committee Meeting were adopted without comments.

4 Outcome of the 1st Governing Body meeting

4.1 No comments to the meeting report from the 1st Governing Body

There were no specific comments to the minutes from the meeting report from the Governing Body meeting in July. The Chairman invited the participants to send any comments to Integra for further handling.

4.2 Italian request to become full member of SEE FABAs is supported by the EC and the Stability Pact.

The request from Italy to become a participant of the SEE FABAs was discussed. The Chairman recalled the conclusion made by the Governing Body underlining that the Stability Pact of South Eastern Europe and the European Commission are in favour of the Italian request.

4.3 Italy will continue to support the project but would like a decision as soon as possible

Italy was disappointed with the reaction on their request but confirmed their commitment to SEE FABAs. They would have preferred participating fully from the start of the Definition Phase; however they will continue to support the project. The Italian point of view was that they could better contribute to the project as full member, so they asked for a decision on full participation as full members as soon as possible.

Later, Italy stated that they would find it difficult to accept special conditions; they want to participate at the same conditions as the other states.

4.4 Croatia's expressed some concerns about the Italian request

Croatia raised some general questions associated with the Italian request. They feared that the raising number of states would create problems in the Working Groups and generally complicate the Definition Phase.

Croatia then turned to interface issues. Croatia has a long common boundary with Italy and is concerned about the interface issues not only with Italy, but also with the CEATS project.

4.5 *Albania: Make the Governing Body decide on the Italian participation on the basis of a study*

Albania expressed that a study should be made and a report sent to Governing Body for decision, as requested by Governing Body.

4.6 *Conclusion by the Chairman:*

- Whilst pointing out that the Management Committee should not reopen political issues the Chairman concluded that Italy would participate actively in all Work Packages and that the Management Committee would consider the task received by the Management Committee when preparing the next Governing Body meeting. The next Governing Body meeting will be open to all supporting States and organisations.

4.7 *Greece considers becoming a full member of SEE FABA*

Greece presented a formal statement (see Annex II) about its future involvement in SEE FABA.. The Chairman pointed out that Italy and Greece have supported the project from the start, which gives them a special position and was in favour of further Greek participation..

4.8 *EUROCONTROL: The EUROCONTROL methodology applies pan-European wide*

Mr Hendriks recalled the objectives of “The operationally and technically driven approach to FABs”. Croatia commented that this was a logical methodology for states that are willing to participate with airspace, but Croatia asked whether it was a fully accepted European approach for the creation of FAB(s). Would Italy and Greece commit themselves to the methodology proposed by EUROCONTROL? The Chairman commented that the experts in the Airspace Design group would study this question when applying the methodology.

The Romanian CAA noticed that this discussion restarted at every meeting. Is Airspace Design intended to cover a wider and wider area? This opinion was supported by The FYROM. They also noted that the political issue appears on every Management Committee meeting.

EUROCONTROL (Mr. Hendriks) pointed out that the methodology starts from a pan-European perspective. He also indicated that SEE FABA states cannot be looked upon isolated and that states participating in the project participate, unconditionally, with their airspace.

5 The Stakeholder Workshop of 21 September: Main conclusions and possible follow-up

5.1 *Chairman: The Workshop was positive*

The Chairman was very positive to the Stakeholder workshop and quoted as an example the good participation from military side.

5.2 *The Trade Unions/Professional Organisations wish to be involved in SEE FABA and will therefore be invited to join Work Package 9. However, observer status for Trade Unions/Professional Organisations in the Management Committee is premature.*

The Management Committee examined the joint written requests by a number of Trade Unions/Professional Organisations (See Annex III).

After a constructive discussion, the Management Committee took the following decisions and tasked the chairman to transmit it to the Trade Unions/Professional Organisations:

1. Representatives from professional associations and trade unions will get full access to the documentation which is available either through the EUROCONTROL Extranet "One Sky Online", newsgroup SEE-FABA or the Integra website. Through these tools, they have the opportunity to send in any input regarding the documents.
2. The Management Committee agreed to hold a Social Dialogue Forum at regular intervals, probably twice a year depending on the progress in the project, in order to exchange information and discuss any issues.
3. Regarding work package 9 on social issues, the Management Committee agreed that each State should nominate at least 2 experts, in order to represent both social partners groups.
4. With regard to its terms of reference within the governance structure of SEE FABA and in the light of the previous points, the Management Committee did not consider appropriate to create an observer status in the Management Committee.

6 Task Management Progress Report by EUROCONTROL

6.1 *Kick-off meeting in NSA group has been held and next the Airspace Design group will be kicked-off*

The kick-off meeting for the NSA-group was successful and report has been circulated. The kick-off meeting for Training and for Military Issues have been postponed. The Airspace Design group will start on 25 September.

The need for Terms of References (ToRs) for the Work Package groups (WP) was raised. There will be no ToRs for WP as this is already covered in the Project Management Plan (PMP).

6.2 *The working pace in the WPs must fit the human resources available*

The resource problem has to be resolved; the level of participation from the states must be realistic. Eurocontrol has engaged 16 experts and expect 3-4 more to become involved but more participation from the states is needed.

Chair asked if there are enough participation to the Airspace Design meeting and Eurocontrol replied that it looks like that now, kick-off for Airspace Design group is planned for the 25 September before RNDSDG-meeting.

Croatia meant that if there is a lack of recourses and this will cause a slow-down of the work in WPs, the order of work in the different WPs must be prioritised carefully as the result of some WPs form the input to other WPs. The Chairman identified Training as an area for early benefits Albania requested a total plan for year 2007 to make resource planning better.

6.3 *Practicalities for WP meetings, a.o. Vienna as venue?*

The venue for WP meetings was discussed and the Co-chair pointed out that meetings could be held in Vienna to reduce travelling, a proposal that was taken positively by a number of speakers. Some states saw the difficulty in sending many participants to different groups at the same time, but the Chair suggested that if names (contact points) are given to Eurocontrol, meetings with WPs can be better planned.

The Chairman asked states to send name of contact points not later than 29 September to Eurocontrol. There was a strong request from Mr. Marti (NATO) not to move the time for the meeting on Military issues.

6.4 *EUROCONTROL presented the latest versions of the PMP and the OCD*

The Chairman mentioned that the PMP is still in draft version and that EUROCONTROL is waiting for further input. EUROCONTROL presented the latest changes to the PMP.

Croatia stressed that existing facilities have to be taken into account.

The OCD will be further developed and an updated version will be ready for the 4th Management Committee meeting.

Finally, the Chairman closed the discussions on the PMP/OCD highlighting that these are important management documents, therefore proper consultation before the final approval will be crucial.

7 Any other business

7.1 *High-level document on BUL-ROM has been signed by the Bulgarian Ministry of Transport*

The delegate from the Bulgarian Service provider ATSA informed the meeting that a high level document had been signed recently by his ministry which gave additional political back up to the existing BUL-ROM FAB cooperation (see Annex IV).

8 Date and place of the next Management Committee meeting

The 4th Management Committee meeting will be held in Brussels on the 5th December (afternoon) and on the 6th December (morning).

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