

EGHD Bulletin

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This document summarises the recent and upcoming activities of the EGHD.

December	January	February
13/14 – SSC/63 14 – RP3 Hearing	31 – EGHD/14	
March	April	May
20 – Teleconference 7/9 – World ATM Congress	25 – EGHD/15	
June	July	August
September	October	November
5 – EGHD/16		

EGHD/13, 13 September 2016

The Draft Commission Decision on the establishment of the EGHD was presented by the Commission and reviewed – it was decided that some consideration was required to better define the social role of the group and the function of the Chair and Vice Chairperson. Following a verbal definition of their duties, Paul Neering (IFATCA) and Jean-Denis Larrere (ATCEUC) were elected Chairperson and Vice Chairperson respectively.

This meeting saw the commencement of the first work topic for the reinvigorated EGHD: Remote Towers. Presentations from member organisations facilitated discussion which will form a draft Position Paper to be matured by subsequent dialogue in the group. The proposed Performance Plan work topic was challenged with having potentially limited outlook and there was agreement the topic should be considered in the wider sense of Performance.

A presentation by Integra on the recently launched FAB assessment study closed the meeting.

Minimum service requirements Workshop, 14 September 2016

The Commission recognises that recent industrial action has had a network impact and whilst the duty to regulate the social environment is a national competence, the Aviation Strategy for Europe contains an action to promote best practice. This workshop was held to begin development of a voluntary Declaration of Best Practices to improve social dialogue and mitigate strikes and to be drafted with as many social partners as possible in early 2017.

The Commission study on minimum service levels was set up to help develop the Declaration with sound analysis and the interim results were provided. The Toolbox for Successful Social Dialogue in ATM (developed by ATCEUC, ETF and CANSO) was presented by CANSO formed the basis of discussion on social dialogue. Attendees suggested '**Best Practices in Social Dialogue**' as a working title for a Declaration encompassing a broader scope encouraging members to implement the Toolbox and to develop guidance and best practices material.

EGSD activities, 2016

The **EGHD Portal** has been launched and the group have received invitations to the private members' area to access the latest information regarding EGHD meetings and teleconferences, and events of interest.

A teleconference on 25 August served to agree a draft agenda for EGHD/13 and review the EGHD work topic shortlist to develop the Work Plan. Further discussion determined the group should first concentrate on Remote Towers and the Performance Plan.

The Remote Towers teleconference on 8 November allowed the group to further examine the Remote Towers topic before the EASA Rule Making Group (RMT.0624, Technical requirements for remote tower operations). A draft Remote Tower Position Paper was developed after this discussion.

A teleconference on 28 November was held. The Draft Remote Towers Position Paper was distributed for review and comment prior and discussions clarified how to advance the Remote Towers topic and formulate appropriate recommendations for the Commission. The teleconference also offered a final platform to establish a way forward on the Performance topic, to be first addressed at EGHD/14. A Work Programme was agreed and timeline for the EGHD in 2017 was established.