



Performance review body  
of the single european sky



## PRB Work Programme for 2020

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## 1. Introduction

- 1 The Commission has designated an independent group of experts as the Performance Review Body (PRB) to provide assistance regarding the implementation of the SES performance and charging scheme.<sup>1</sup>
- 2 The PRB consists of nine members, including a Chairperson, appointed by the Commission for two years. The mandate of the current PRB commenced in June 2019. The PRB develops impartial, evidence-based recommendations on the performance of air navigation services at Union and local levels as well as of network functions, on the basis of pre-analysed data from Eurocontrol and EASA (European Union Aviation Safety Agency).
- 3 The Commission decision establishing the PRB requires the PRB to adopt an Annual Work Programme. It sets out the priorities for the PRB in 2020 and ensures that the tasks set out in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/317 ('Performance and Charging Regulation') are addressed.<sup>2</sup> It reflects the PRB's objective to provide independent advice to the Commission on all issues affecting the implementation of the Performance and Charging scheme.
- 4 The Work Programme reflects the challenges the PRB is facing in 2020, a year of transition, with annual monitoring activities being undertaken for the final year of the second reference period (RP2), whilst ensuring a successful start of the third reference period (RP3).
- 5 The PRB addresses the key topics related to ANS performance in the following areas:
  - Safety;
  - Cost-efficiency;
  - Capacity;
  - Environment.
- 6 The PRB coordinates with EASA on activities relating to the Safety KPA.

## 2. PRB Work Programme for 2020

### 2.1 Priorities for 2020

- 7 In 2020, the priorities are to continue the evaluation of the performance plans for RP3 and make recommendations to the Commission on whether the performance targets included in the draft performance plans are consistent with Union-wide targets. The timescales laid out in the Performance and Charging Regulation could lead to the assessment extending into 2021.
- 8 Solid monitoring is a prerequisite for improving the system, and therefore another priority is the annual monitoring of performance. The results of monitoring include recommendations to the Commission.
- 9 A final priority is for the PRB to provide input to the Commission regarding the future development of the Single European Sky.
- 10 The PRB activities can be divided into two main categories: standing items and ad-hoc items.

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<sup>1</sup> Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/2296 of 16 December 2016 setting up the independent group of experts designated as Performance Review Body of the single European sky

<sup>2</sup> Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/317 of 11 February 2019 laying down a performance and charging scheme in the single European sky and repealing Implementing Regulations (EU) No 390/2013 and (EU) No 391/2013

## 2.2 Standing items

- 11 The standing items can be divided into two sub-groups: the PRB monitoring activities that are carried out on an annual basis, and the assessment of Member States' Performance Plans.

### 2.2.1 Annual monitoring activities

- 12 Once the data for the year 2019 is available in 2020, the following activities will commence:
- Monitoring, benchmarking, and review of the performance of air navigation services against the performance targets of RP2, including investments realised and capital expenditure, at local and European level;
  - Detailed review of the environmental performance of European air traffic management, including the impact of civil/military cooperation and the measures of the Network Manager.
- 13 As RP2 ends on 31 December 2019, the PRB will undertake an overall assessment of RP2 which will be included in the annual monitoring report for 2019.
- 14 For the monitoring report 2019, the PRB will continue its efforts to obtain more timely data from national supervisory authorities, air navigation service providers, airport operators, airport coordinators, and air carriers in order to react more quickly to issues which require action or corrective measures by competent authorities. The aim is to deliver the monitoring report before the end of July of the subsequent year, at least for the operational part of the report.

### 2.2.2 Assessment of performance plans

- 15 The PRB will conduct the following activities:

- Assess the consistency of the national or FAB performance targets contained in the draft performance plans with the Union-wide performance targets using the assessment criteria defined in Annex IV of the Performance and Charging Regulation.
- Assess revised draft performance plans. This will be required where national or FAB performance targets have not been found consistent with the Union-wide targets and the Member State concerned has resubmitted a revised draft Performance Plan. Revised performance plans are expected around July 2020.
- Where necessary, undertake a detailed examination of the proposed targets and local circumstances. The PRB will recommend to the Commission corrective measures to be taken by Member States, if necessary.

### 2.2.3 Other activities

- 16 The PRB assists national supervisory authorities, in particular by providing an independent view of performance issues, in accordance with Article 2 of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/2296.
- 17 The PRB supports competent authorities on their request in assessing the noise situation at airports for which they are responsible, in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 598/2014.<sup>3</sup> The PRB will review such requests and propose actions to support these activities if they arise.

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<sup>3</sup> Regulation (EU) No 598/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 on the establishment of rules and procedures with regard to the introduction of noise-related operating restrictions at Union airports within a Balanced Approach and repealing Directive 2002/30/EC

- 18 For the purpose of monitoring of the overall performance of the European ATM network, the PRB continues to implement working arrangements with the air navigation service providers, airport operators, airport coordinators, and air carriers as laid out in the PRB stakeholder engagement plan.<sup>4</sup>

### 2.3 Ad-hoc items

- 19 Ad-hoc items represent activities where the PRB develops and establishes an independent view to assist the Commission in the implementation of the Performance and Charging scheme.
- 20 Ad-hoc activities include:
- Contributing to stakeholder's meetings and workshops;
  - Participating and presenting specific topics in the Single Sky Committee;
  - Participation in meetings of the NSA Coordination Platform (NCP) performance working group;
  - Ad-hoc support to policy development and in the provision of advice regarding the performance scheme upon request of the Commission.
- 21 In 2020, the PRB will undertake three specific ad-hoc activities to:
- Investigate how the performance and charging scheme can contribute to reduce the impact of aviation on the environment and how such changes can be measured, taking into account existing data of the environmental performance of aviation. Such work would identify what key performance indicators may be appropriate to capture current performance and could be used in future reference periods to drive improvements in environmental performance. The PRB will provide elements for updating the key performance indicators to consider for RP4.
  - Assess the impact of the civil-military dimension on performance and ensure engagement with military, Eurocontrol and NSAs to promote civil-military cooperation to the benefit of all airspace users, including improved monitoring. The PRB will analyse the link between civil-military coordination and the ANSP delivery of capacity and cost effectiveness.
  - Develop a methodology to quantify the performance improvements of the SESAR-related investments, with the aim of evaluating the achievable benefits with respect to the Performance and Charging Scheme.
- 22 In addition, the PRB will continue its work to support options for the future of economic regulation of air traffic management. The PRB will also continue to review how other key outputs from across the industry interface with the Performance and Charging Regulation and may influence the planning for RP4.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>4</sup> [National Supervisory Authorities and Stakeholders Engagement Plan](#), Performance Review Body, March 2019

<sup>5</sup> The ATM Master Plan, the work on ATM Data Service Providers and the ongoing initiative around providing a consistent approach to assessing the costs and performance benefits of new technology and procedures are examples of such outputs.

### 3. PRB activities and meetings

#### 3.1 PRB meetings

- 23 PRB meetings are held approximately six times a year. These can be complemented by additional ad-hoc meetings, as required. Activities of the PRB are governed by the PRB's Rules of Procedure.
- 24 The indicative dates of the PRB meetings are as follows:

PRB meeting 20	21 - 22 January 2020
PRB meeting 21	18 - 19 March 2020
PRB meeting 22	19 - 20 May 2020
PRB meeting 23	14 - 15 July 2020
PRB meeting 24	22 - 23 September 2020
PRB meeting 25	17 - 18 November 2020

- 25 In the course of 2020 and as appropriate, the PRB plans to organise workshops that would support its activities.

#### 3.2 Sub-group meetings

- 26 The PRB meetings are supported by three sub-groups. Sub-group meetings are held when required according to the PRB's activities, and to assist in the development of deliverables of either the standing or ad-hoc activities.
- 27 The sub-group meetings are indicatively taking place in accordance with the timeline of the standing activities deliverables (Annex A).

#### 3.3 Stakeholder engagement

- 28 The PRB will engage with the industry-wide stakeholders to gain the necessary insight for its activities including NSAs, air navigation service providers (ANSPs), Airspace Users, Airport Representatives, and Professional Staff Associations.
- 29 The details for the stakeholder engagement are specified in the PRB's Stakeholders Engagement Plan.

#### 3.4 Communications

- 30 Regular updates on PRB activities can be found at: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/eusinglesky>

- 31 The purpose of this website is:

- For Member States and NSAs to submit information required by the SES Performance and Charging Schemes legislation through the ESSKY platform;
- For the Performance Review Body to publish its reports, recommendations and communications as well as handle the stakeholder consultation calendar concerning performance plans and the consultation requirements referred to in Article 24(2) and (3) and in Article 30;
- For the wider aviation community to be informed on the SES Performance and Charging schemes' objectives and achievements.

**Annex A – Indicative timeline of the PRB deliverables**

	2020											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	August	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Annual Monitoring Activities</b>												
Monitoring, benchmarking, and review of the performance of air navigation services including investments realized and capital expenditure, at local and European levels.												
Detailed review of the environmental performance of European air traffic management, including the impact of civil/military cooperation and the measures of the Network Manager												
<b>Assessment of performance plans</b>												
Consistency assessment of the draft Performance Plans for EU Member States, Norway, and Switzerland												
Consistency assessment of Network Performance Plan												
Assessment of revised draft Performance Plans												
<b>Other activities</b>												
Assistance to NSAs by providing guidance and advice relevant to the Performance Scheme.												
Ad hoc support to policy development and in the provision of advice regarding the Performance and Charging scheme upon request of the Commission.												
Sub-group 2 work to identify appropriate key performance indicators on environment for RP4												
Assessment of the impact of civil-military dimension on performance and promotion of civil-military cooperation												