

Functional Airspace Block Europe Central

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SES Airspace regulation

- The upper airspace shall be reconfigured into functional airspace blocks
- The reconfiguration should be based on operational requirements regardless of existing boundaries
- FABs shall be established by States
- Main goal: defragmentation of European without affecting national sovereignty
- FABs shall
 - Enable optimum use of the airspace
 - Be justified by a cost benefit analyses
 - Be supported by a safety case





FAB Europe Central:

Core area of European airspace One of the world's highest traffic densities Several major airports in a small area Complex civ/mil airspace







FABEC share in 9 FAB initiatives

Aı	rea	17%			
FI	ights	55%			
FI	ight hours	37%			
C	osts	37%			
A	TCOs	36%			
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FABEC Traffic forecast





Feasibility study

6 States airspace

- Upper & lower
- Civ & Mil airspace •
- Incl. TMAs main airports

Scope:

- **Operations**
- **Technical**
- Finance / CBA
- HR
- Institutional / Regulatory
- Civ/Mil
- Safety















Feasibility Study

Main improvement proposals (1)

Common operational concept	Enhanced FUA concept		
	Single ATFCM/ASM		
	 Virtual single centre 		
	Contingency		
Airspace design	Design irrespective of national borders		
	 Hot spots 		
	 Optimized location of TSAs 		
	 Optimized route structure and flight profiles 		
Common technical systems	 Joint convergence roadmap 		
	Incl. ATS, CNS and ATFCM systems		
	Optional: common technical services		
Safety managament	■Common SMS		
	Centralized Safety Management Office (target		
	setting, performance monitoring and reporting)		
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Feasibility Study

Main improvement proposals (2)

Common charging scheme	Single charging zone	
	Single cost base	
	Single en-route unit rate	
Training cooperation	Convergence to common ATCO training enabled by:	
	Common operational concept	
	Common technical systems & services	
	Optional: single recruitment and training organization	
Other opportunities	•MET cooperation	
	 AIS cooperation 	
Enablers	Institutional	
	Regulatory	
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FABEC performance indications

	FABEC target	FABEC performance indication
	(incl. reference case)	(CBA)
Capacity	2018: Delay < 1 min/flight with demand +50%	2013: Delayed flights $10\% \rightarrow 3\%$ Delayed flights average12 min \rightarrow 7 min
		2018: Delay < 1 min/flight Delayed flights average 6 min
Cost efficiency	En-route unit cost – 17% by 2017 (max 25% total cost increase with 50% capacity increase)	17% target will be met. NPV (Net Profit Value): 2014 € 571 2020 € 3832 2025 €7300 - €13.300
Safety	No increase of absolute number of ANS-induced accidents and risk- bearing incidents	Safety indication study: target can be met with common SMS
Flight efficiency	Average route extension (ref. great circle) in 2006 was 48 km 2010 - 2 km 2018 -38 km	Deterioration in reference case. With FABEC -19 km in 2018 by: Airspace redesign Common technical systems Common charging scheme
Environment	Improvement of routes, flight profiles and distances flown	2018: - 139 kg fuel burn/flight estimated.
Military mission efectiveness	Improvement of military airspace use; No cancellation of missions due to ATFCM	Further study necessary











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Feasibility study Cost Benefit Analyses





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CBA Results 2014: 2020: €376 m €3'147 m Direct users benefits: NPV of ANSP cash flow: €195 m € 685 m €571 m **Project NPV:** €3'832 m €2,500m Training and qualification CNS cooperation saving Technical operating cost saving € 2,000m □Common ATM systems □ATCO hour saving Benefits (€) per year Delay and unaccommodated demand savings € 1,500m Flight efficiency Savings from delay and unaccom m odated Direct € 1,000m demand reduction Benefits € 500m 0 2008 2012 2006 2007 2013 2014 2015 2016 2011 2018 2019 2020 2021 2009 2010 2011 2022 2023 2024 2023

Significantly growing benefits over time:

- 2012-2015: FAB benefits are identified as better QoS
- 2015+: larger proportion of cost savings by ANSPs
- > The financial cost-effectiveness target is reached

Delay and unaccomodated demand





Institutional development: States Agreement ANSPs Cooperation





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States Agreement

Scope:

- Establishment of the FAB (airspace boundaries)
- Arrangements for airspace management
- Cooperation between civil and military authorities
- Cooperation between national supervisory authorities
- States provisions for cooperation between ANSPs
- Joint designation of ANSPs
- Principles for cross border service provision:
 - **ATS** delegation principles
 - Liability regime
- Charging regime
- **Regulatory Harmonization**

Governance bodies:

- FABEC Council (civil and military authorities)
- **Airspace Committee**
- **Financial Committee** п
- **Regulatory and Supervisory Committee**













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ANSPs Cooperation

- Progressively growing level of cooperation is necessary to implement the designed improvements:
 - 2008 Alliance start up: Cooperation Contract
 - 2010 Alliance with central organization for better structured managerial and financial support
 - 2013 Alliance to enable establishment of integrated services
 - LT Single ANSP (optional)

Alternative: immediate choice for a Single ANSP

- Lengthy legislative process
- Integration of ANSPs requires considerable convergence and standardisation process
- Possible approach:

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- Alliance steps can be made during the legislative process
- After legislative process transfer of ANSPs ownership to new organization











Evolutionary cooperation development





Options for common services

Core business

- ATFCM/ASM function
- Technical support & maintenance services
- ATCO/ATSEP recruitment, training and qualification
- AIS

Support

- Safety management
- System development
- Business planning
- Data services















Legal aspects

- Civil ANSPs have different governance models with different levels of autonomy to establish joint services
 - State owned private law company
 - State Governmental directorate
 - International organization
 - Semi autonomous public organzation
- MUAC position ?
- Public versus private law options
- Participation of mil ANSPs in private law options will be difficult
- States Agreement
 - Provisions necessary dependent of level and scope of integration/centralization
 - Single ANSP will require establishment of a States Treaty organization





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Current status

- Joint implementation program of States and ANSPs started Nov 08
- States signed a Declaration of Intent
- ANSPs Cooperation:
 - Contractual Cooperation (ANSP Agreement signed)
 - Study of further institutional steps
- Task Forces in place for:
 - Hot spots (early benefits in airspace design)
 - Improved city pairs ۲
 - Night routes ۲
 - ATFCM/ASM ۲
 - Commonality in several technical systems ۲
 - Training ۲
 - Performance Management & Business planning
 - **States Agreement** ۲
 - Liability regime ۲
 - **Common Charging regime** ۲
 - Cooperation of supervisory authorities













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Single European Sky II package

Accelleration in establishment of FABs

- Bottom-up approach maintained, but:
- Mandatory Deadline 2012
- Moved from Airspace regulation to service provision regulation
- Performance framework for ANS provision (2012)
 - FABs as a tool for performance imrpovement

Performance framework

- Generic targets Community-wide
- Specific targets at National or FAB level 532
- Compliance supervision by NSAs
- EC Performance Review Body
- Incentives/sanctions scheme





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