



ECACNEWSPPOINT # 07

European Civil Aviation Conference monthly news

DIRECTORS GENERAL

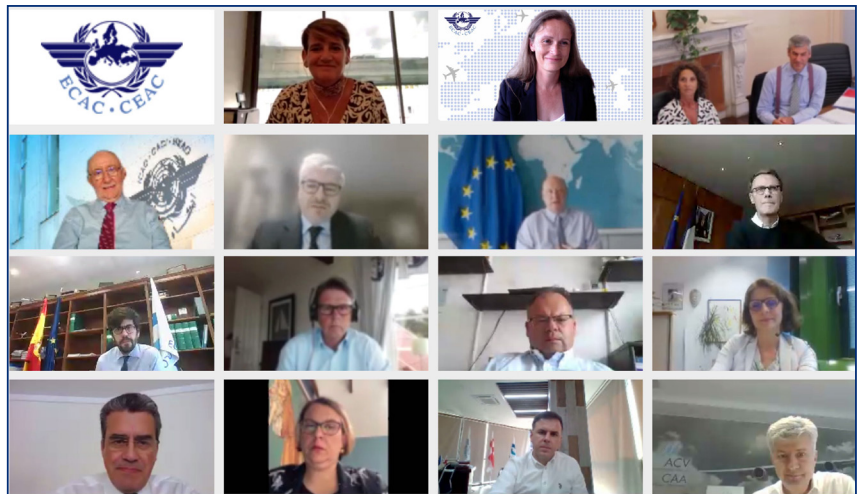
ECAC Triennial Session elects new president and approves work programme and budget for next three years

12 July — Directors General of ECAC Member States gathered online with high-level representatives from a number of ICAO Member States, regional and international organisations, and industry partners, including ICAO, the European Commission, EUROCONTROL, EASA, ACI EUROPE, A4E, CANSO and IATA, for ECAC's 39th Plenary (Triennial) Session.

Opening the Session, which for the first time ever was not held in Strasbourg, ECAC President Ingrid Cherfils commented on ECAC's commitment to supporting its Member States since the start of the COVID-19 crisis. She underlined how more than ever, coordination and harmonisation of measures had been at the heart of European action to ensure a fully coordinated approach for the restart and recovery of the sector and mutual recognition of measures, regionally and globally.

The Session featured opening remarks from ICAO Council President, Salvatore Sciacchitano, ICAO Secretary General-designate, Juan Carlos Salazar, and European Commission Director General for Mobility and Transport, Henrik Hololei.

Delegates heard reports from the Focal Points on ECAC's activities during the triennium 2019-2021 in the fields of safety and accident investigation, unmanned aircraft systems, security, facilitation, environment, economic and legal matters, as well as from the JAA TO, and the Session adopted the ECAC work programme and budget for the next triennium (2022-2024).



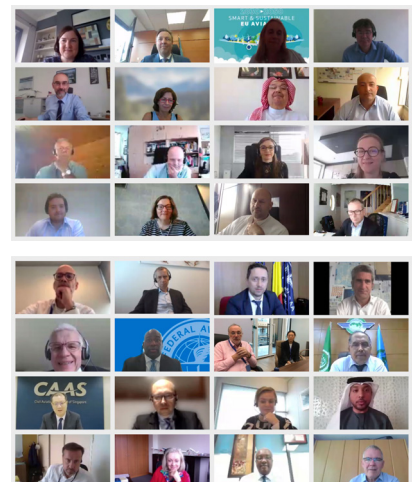
Alessio Quaranta (DGCA Italy) was elected as the new president of ECAC. Damien Cazé (DGCA France), Johann Friedrich Colman (DGCA Germany) and Raúl Medina Caballero, (DGCA Spain) were appointed as vice-presidents. The Triennial Session also elected all other members of the Coordinating Committee. Full membership of the Committee is available on the ECAC website.

Recalling the importance of cooperation with regional and international partners, Ms Cherfils invited representatives of ACAO (Arab Civil Aviation Organization), AFCAC (African Civil Aviation Commission), LACAC (Latin American Civil Aviation Commission), and WAEMU (West African Economic and Monetary Union), as well as from Kazakhstan, Singapore, the United Arab Emirates and the United States, to offer statements on their cooperation with ECAC.

This year's Session marked the end of Ms Cherfils' second three-year mandate as president of the organisation. ECAC would like to take this opportunity to

thank her warmly for her active involvement in ECAC's activities over the years, for her excellent coordination, and constant determination to foster a culture of transparency and collective responsibility in order to promote safe, efficient, and sustainable civil aviation in the European region and internationally. We wish her every success in her new endeavours, and look forward to continuing and enhancing our activities with new president, Alessio Quaranta.

The documents and presentations from the Session are available on the [ECAC website: https://www.ecac-ceac.org/events-and-meetings/past-events/ecac-39](https://www.ecac-ceac.org/events-and-meetings/past-events/ecac-39) ■



Inside

- 39th Plenary (Triennial) Session
- A word from the outgoing president
- Focal Point appointments
- New communication group
- ECAC activities
- What's on in August and September?

Ingrid Cherfils offers readers some reflections on the events and highlights that have marked her presidency

«One of the more memorable and proudest memories of my presidency was the agreement reached during the ICAO Assembly in 2016 on CORSIA (Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation), the first ever global sectoral agreement. Without Europe and its 44 Member States, there would probably not have been any sectoral agreement of this kind.

The last three years have been dominated by the legal and administrative separation of ECAC from ICAO. ECAC is now stronger and can focus on delivering added value for the benefit of its Member States and in accordance with its work programme.

More recently, a tremendous amount of work has been dedicated to addressing COVID-19 and its impact on the aviation sector and

the Member States, preparing and chairing regular online meetings to find coordinated approaches across all ECAC Member States to facilitate the recovery of the sector. This has also included participating in the ICAO/CART work. During this time, cooperation with stakeholders, regional organisations and other partners intensified more than ever.

As president, I have strived to maintain good relationships with the European Commission, EUROCONTROL and EASA, keeping in mind the pan-European perspective of ECAC. This has been instrumental in successfully promoting coordinated European positions from the 44 Member States. I have also been keen to encourage more States to become involved, and participate actively in defining ECAC's priorities. »



COORDINATING COMMITTEE

ECAC Focal Points appointed by the Coordinating Committee

13 July — Following the election of a new Coordinating Committee at the ECAC Triennial Session on 12 July, ECAC's Coordinating Committee members gathered online for their 191st meeting. Chaired by newly elected president, Alessio Quaranta, the members discussed the allocation of Focal Point portfolios, ICAO Council elections, the provisional agenda of the Special meeting of Directors General (DGCA/70(SP)) to be held in Tirana (Albania) and by videoconference from 26-28 August 2021, as well as the various activities ECAC will organise in 2021.

The Coordinating Committee allocated the following Focal Point portfolios from among its membership:



Alessio Quaranta
DGCA Italy

ECAC President
Focal Point for
External Relations



Damien Cazé
DGCA France

ECAC Vice-President
Focal Point for
Economic matters



Raúl Medina Caballero
DGCA Spain

ECAC Vice-President
Focal Point for
Facilitation and Security (lead
for facilitation)



Gunnar Ljungberg
DGCA Sweden

Focal Point for
Facilitation and Security
(lead for security)



**Luís Miguel
Ribeiro**
DGCA Portugal

Focal Point for
Safety



Rannia Leontaridi
**DGCA United
Kingdom**

Focal Point for
Environment



Kemal Yüksek
DGCA Turkey

Focal Point for
Pan-European matters

Kick-off meeting on communication for civil aviation

5 July — A first meeting on communication for civil aviation was organised by the ECAC Secretariat for 11 communication specialists from France, Italy, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Turkey and the United Kingdom.

Initiated by the Coordinating Committee following the adoption of ECAC's new [Communication Strategy](#) by Directors General at their last meeting (DGCA/156, 5 May 2021), the purpose of the kick-off meeting was to share experience and information amongst the communication specialists in the Coordinating Committee Member States.

Participants considered ECAC's Communication Strategy and reviewed examples of key messages by domain with a view to updating Appendix 7 of the Strategy. Two brainstorming sessions, the first on the role of communication to promote civil aviation and during

a crisis (such as on accident investigations, COVID-19) and related best practices, and the second on media relations, offered participants an opportunity to exchange best practices on handling media requests and on the role of spokespersons.

In conclusion, participants were keen to launch a network of communication specialists open to all 44 ECAC Member States, agreeing that it would be a great opportunity to exchange views on communication issues and the challenges faced by these specialists. Following the very positive feedback received from the kick-off meeting, ECAC's Coordinating Committee, at their meeting on 13 July 2021, approved the creation of a network of communication specialists comprising all ECAC Member States, which would meet virtually twice a year. ■



COVID-19

European coordination on COVID-19 developments continues over the summer

27 July — Updates from Member States on traffic developments and policy for vaccinated travellers were the focus of discussions by Directors General of ECAC Member States, DG-MOVE, EASA and EUROCONTROL at the European coordination meeting held in July.

The meeting noted that while the traffic situation had significantly improved in the summer months, in particular for low-cost carriers and holiday destinations within the ECAC region, international travel was still significantly down. Health certificates, especially the EU Digital COVID Certificate (EU DCC), had facilitated travel broadly but there were still many inconsistencies in the requirements and checks for travelling with the EU DCC.

The meeting also discussed a document on the key elements of PRM (passengers with reduced mobility) charges, including COVID-specific elements, which could serve as a helpful guide for Member States when considering the PRM charge.

The participants were briefed on the preparations for the ICAO High-Level Conference on COVID-19, noting that it was now planned to be held entirely as an online conference. ■

FACILITATION

European experts participate in ICAO Facilitation Panel

13-23 July — The 12th meeting of the ICAO Facilitation Panel (FALP/12) was held online from 13 – 23 July 2021, attended by experts from ten ECAC Member States, and the European Commission and ECAC in observer capacity.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the focus of FALP/12 was on the outcomes of the Task Force on Health Issues Outbreaks in Aviation (TF-HIOA) and the proposed new and revised health-related Standards and Recommended Practices for Annex 9. Those SARPs were agreed by the Panel, with some adjustments on, for example, contact tracing and the checks on health-related documents.

The outcomes of the Working Group on Human Trafficking (WGHT) were another priority of the panel discussions. Marking a milestone on combatting human trafficking, the Panel agreed on the proposed comprehensive facilitation-related strategy on this topic.

The proposal put forward by two ECAC Member States (Czech Republic and Portugal) to upgrade certain Recommended Practices to Standards, relating to the transport of persons with disabilities,

was widely supported and represented a significant step towards ensuring that all citizens have equal access to air transport, despite the unprecedented crisis the aviation sector is facing.

Assistance to aircraft accident victims and their families, another European priority, was also considered and the Panel agreed to upgrade Recommended Practice 8.46 to a Standard. The Panel furthermore supported the establishment of a new working group on Annex 9, which will be led by the United Kingdom expert as Rapporteur.

Passenger Name Records (PNR), Advanced Passenger Information (API) data quality, and ePassport issuance, as well as the preparations for the ICAO HLCC2021 were amongst other topics also considered.

The Panel and the European coordination group expressed their gratitude to Urs Haldimann (Switzerland), who chaired the Panel for the second and last time. The participants thanked him for his outstanding contribution to ECAC activities, wishing him all the best in his future activities. ■

ECAC Security Programme Management Group discusses 2021 work programmes

7 July — The ECAC Security Programme Management Group (SPMG), chaired for the last time by ECAC Focal Point for Facilitation and Security, Alessio Quaranta (DGCA Italy), met online to review the status of implementation of the 2021 work programmes of ECAC's security task forces (Guidance Material Task Force, Technical Task Force, Training Task Force) and study groups (Behaviour Detection Study Group, Study Group on Cyber Security in Civil Aviation, Explosive Detection Dogs Study Group). A significant number of new or amended guidance material documents, produced by the Guidance Material Task Force and the Training

Task Force, were adopted during the meeting. They represent the highest number of documents ever delivered within a six-month period. Amendments to the FAQs for the ECAC Common Evaluation Process of security equipment were also adopted, and the revised documents are available on the [ECAC website](#).

The participants warmly thanked Mr Quaranta, who has chaired several SPMG meetings, for his engagement in and support of ECAC's security activities, and wished him all the best in his future role as President of ECAC.

Online cyber security training for national auditors

21-23 July and 28-30 July — The ECAC Secretariat conducted two online Best Practices for National Auditors – Cyber Security (Basic) training courses for security experts from Bulgaria and Luxembourg in July. The training provided an overview of the security measures to be implemented by operators and entities to protect their critical systems and data against cyber threats, in accordance with new European requirements and the recommendations of ECAC Doc 30, Part II. Through theoretical presentations, discussions and virtual activities, the participants acquired a better understanding of the cyber security concept and its applicability to civil aviation operations.

Experienced ECAC instructors shared best practices on how to prepare for an inspection of cyber security measures in aviation, and how to conduct the inspection on-site in order to collect all the necessary information on the protection of critical systems and data from cyber threats.



Cyber security training for participants from Bulgaria



... and from Luxembourg

Technical experts review automated prohibited item detection systems

29 June and 6 July — The members of the ECAC Technical Task Force gathered virtually to discuss the status of implementation of the group's work programme, as well as recent developments on automated prohibited item detection systems (APIDS). Industry representatives presented the current industry solutions and the advantages and disadvantages of all types of concept of operation. The Dutch National Coordinator for Security and Counterterrorism (NCTV) and the United Kingdom Department for Transport presented experimentation conducted at their airports to evaluate the impact of APIDS algorithms on security and on security staff. Thanks to these experimentations, the two authorities have drafted new APIDS standards for review by the Training Task Force members before being considered by ECAC's Security Programme Management Group and Directors General for inclusion in ECAC Doc 30, Part II.

The task force also looked at the results of the Explosive Vapour Detectors (EVD) pilot test and the tray equivalence protocol to reduce the duration of test evaluation, and heard a presentation by the Explosive Detection Systems (EDS) Study Group on the status of EDS standard 3.2 pilot tests, which had been delayed because of machine multiple failures.

Focus on increasing efficiency for the CEP

20-21 July — As part of its preparatory work for drafting the Common Evaluation Process (CEP) of security equipment 2022-2024 work programme, the CEP Management Group considered several initiatives to reduce the length of tests while simultaneously seeking to strengthen the quality, robustness, and consistency of the CEP. This included testing new algorithms, adding new trays, and incorporating new and better critical components of auxiliary hardware, such as sampling wands.

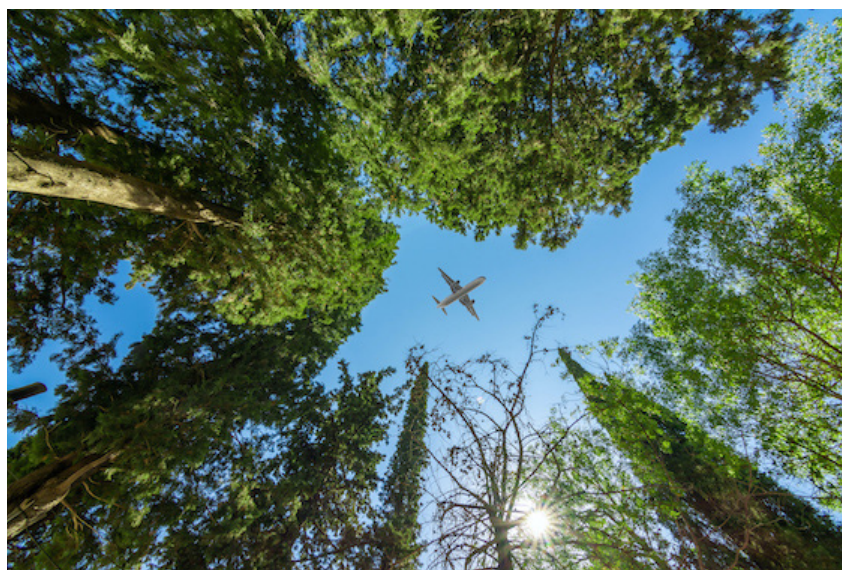
All the pending requests for Simulator Re-Tests until the first quarter of 2022 were allocated. The meeting examined the CEP lists of equipment evaluated as meeting an ECAC/EU performance standard, focusing in particular on how to manage expired ECAC/EU performance standards, given the usefulness of these lists not only for ECAC Member States but also for the wider international community. The group also discussed the provisional agenda of the 12th information session for equipment manufacturers involved in the CEP that will be held in November/December 2021. ■

European Aviation Environment Working Group prepares for CAEP

1 July — At the 41st meeting of the European Aviation and Environment Working Group (EAEG), the participants finalised preparations for the 3rd Steering Group meeting of the 12th cycle of the ICAO Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection (CAEP12SG2021).

They exchanged views on all the papers issued for the meeting on the following subjects: noise, supersonic air transport, emissions, long-term aviation goal, CORSIA, aviation fuels, modelling and data base, forecast and economic assessment, airport and operations, impact and science. The meeting also considered future work priorities for the CAEP/13 cycle.

EAEG continued to meet on a regular basis from 5 to 15 July via the European coordination meetings held every other day for the duration of CAEP12SG2021, to ensure that participation was strictly limited to participants in CAEP12SG2021 in order to comply with CAEP confidentiality rules.



ECAC Environment Programme Management Group reviews recent and upcoming activity

16 July — Under the leadership of Rania Leontaridi, ECAC Focal Point for Environment, the 6th meeting of the Environment Programme Management Group (EPMG) took stock of work in EAEG and in the Environmental Forum, drawing lessons from the experience gained and acknowledging the achievements of these groups.

The meeting set a target of promoting new talents in the environmental domain who will be responsible for leading activities in the future. The participants also did some forward planning, considering

notably European engagement in CAEP work, including in terms of priorities. There were fruitful exchanges on several issues, including the main milestones towards the 41st ICAO Assembly, and the actions to be undertaken by Europe to facilitate reaching an agreement at the Assembly on a long-term aspirational goal for the reduction of CO₂ emissions. The meeting agreed to consult ECAC Directors General on these milestones.

The next EPMG meeting is scheduled to be held in the autumn.

Second monthly familiarisation webinar on basic knowledge on aviation and the environment

8 July — The second session of the recently launched monthly familiarisation webinars on basic knowledge on aviation and the environment was held in July. These webinars aim to strengthen the competencies and knowledge of experts dealing with environment matters in ECAC Member States, and promote policy awareness.

Blandine Ferrier, Environmental Officer from the ICAO EUR/NAT office, and Laukia Joonas, Environmental Expert from

EASA, provided respectively an overview of ICAO's environmental work and of the European context through an outline of the European Aviation and Environmental Report (EAER).

30 officials from 13 Member States joined this month's webinar. The next is scheduled to take place on 8 September to provide further understanding of aviation's local and global environmental impacts. ■

EaP/CA Project training course on technical specifications for security equipment

6-9 July — Security experts from Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Moldova and Ukraine attended an ECAC training course on Best Practices for Drafting Technical Specifications for Security Equipment, conducted in Russian and the last activity to be organised by ECAC under the EU-funded and EASA/ECAC-implemented Eastern Partnership and Central Asia (EaP/CA) Project before its completion. The main objectives of this course were to strengthen technical knowledge in Partner States, to support experts in establishing and improving their own certification/approval process of security

equipment, and to share best practices for establishing and maintaining technical specifications and performance standards for different categories of security equipment.

The participants expressed their appreciation to ECAC for organising the course in Russian thus allowing them to better understand the training material and facilitate their active involvement in the training process. ■

What's on in August and September?



Our mission is the promotion of the continued development of a safe, efficient and sustainable European air transport system

ECAC Secretariat
3 bis, villa Emile Bergerat
F-92522 Neuilly-sur-Seine
France

Tel: +33 1 46 41 85 96

www.ecac-ceac.org
communications@ecac-ceac.org



@ECACceac



Meetings in August and September are organised virtually unless indicated otherwise

August

- 10 4th meeting of the ad hoc group on the legal status of ECAC (LEGS/4)
- 26 192nd meeting of the Coordinating Committee (CC/192), Tirana/videoconference
- 26-28 70th Special meeting of Directors General (DGCA/70(SP), Tirana/videoconference)

September

- 7-8 53rd meeting of the Guidance Material Task Force (GMTF/53)
- 8 3rd Familiarisation webinar on basic knowledge on aviation and the environment (ENV-FAMWEB/3)
- 9-10 48th meeting of the Training Task Force (TrTF/48)
- 9 52nd meeting of the Facilitation Sub-Group on Immigration (FAL-IMMIGRAT-SG/52), Paris
- 21-22 30th meeting of the Behaviour Detection Study Group (BDSG/30)
- 29 ECAC workshop on PRM health-related matters
- 30 68th meeting of the Facilitation Sub-Group on Persons with Reduced Mobility (FAL-PRM-SG/68)
- 30 63rd meeting of the ECAC Medium-Term Objectives Task Force (EMTO/63), Paris
- tbc 1st meeting of the European Coordination Group on Cyber Security (ECG-CS/1)