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Statement on Ukraine

The European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC) is extremely concerned by the current situation in Ukraine, and the impact on the Ukrainian people and the aviation sector. ECAC reaffirms its support for, and solidarity with, all those affected by this armed conflict.

Agreeing with the recent statement made by ICAO Council States condemning the violation of the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Ukraine, including its airspace, the President of ECAC, Alessio Quaranta (Director General of Civil Aviation of Italy) said:

« *Air transport in Europe, already disrupted by the COVID-19 crisis, now faces one of the greatest challenges in its history. ECAC Member States are committed to taking all necessary actions to maintain civil aviation safety and security in the European region, working in solidarity with our fellow Member State, Ukraine.* »

The ECAC Coordinating Committee is currently exploring a set of measures to support the Ukrainian civil aviation authority. ■

ECAC reaffirms its support for and solidarity with Ukraine

#WeStandWithUkraine

COVID-19

European recovery from COVID-19

17 February — Directors General of Civil Aviation in ECAC Member States and representatives of EUROCONTROL, the European Commission, EASA and a guest speaker from the European Business Aviation Association (EBAA) gathered online for the second COVID-19 European coordination meeting of the year.

The meeting heard updates from EUROCONTROL on traffic developments across Europe, noting a strong air traffic recovery with around 18 000 flights a day registered over the week preceding the meeting. According to EUROCONTROL's traffic forecast, very strong load factors and bookings were to be expected for the Easter holidays.

The European Commission representative reported that new in-travel recommendations issued by the Council of the EU were now in place. He explained that the colour code of the country of origin was no longer

a determining factor in the treatment of passengers and that the focus was shifting to a person-based approach, meaning that passengers would have to provide their COVID-19 certificate, certificate of recovery or a similar health/sanitary pass when travelling by air.

EBAA Secretary General Athar Husain Khan provided a comprehensive presentation on the impact of COVID-19 on the business aviation sector. On flight activity over the last two years (impacted by the COVID-19 crisis), Mr Husain Khan highlighted that the trend over 2021 was almost the same (with slight dips) as in 2020.

ECAC Member States provided updates on the current travel restrictions in their countries, as well as on the lifting of certain restrictions by Austria and the Czech Republic.

EASA noted the various initiatives taken by Member States to relax measures and confirmed it was starting to update the aviation safety protocol. A more mature draft of the protocol would be made available to Member States for consultation in March 2022. ■

Inside

Aviation cyber security experts work on 2022 priorities and tasks

1 February — The ECAC Study Group on Cyber Security in Civil Aviation held its first meeting of the year online to agree on a timeline for 2022 work priorities and the division of tasks and responsibilities.

The tasks established for 2022 will include developing new guidance on cyber security training, recommendations on cyber security assurance of security equipment, and best practices for penetration testing and risk management of the supply chain.
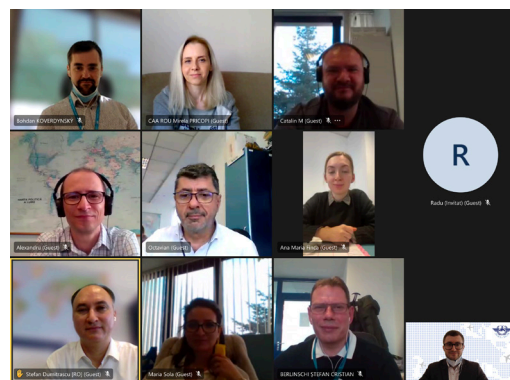
Based on a review of various approaches to cyber security oversight, the group also agreed to prepare a comparative overview of possible oversight frameworks, including an evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses of each.

Cyber security training for national auditors

BPNA - Cyber Security - participants from Denmark

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1-3 February and *7-9 February* — The ECAC Secretariat delivered two online Best Practices for National Auditors – Cyber Security (Basic) training courses to national auditors from Denmark (1-3 February) and Romania (7-9 February). The course programme was designed to strengthen participants' understanding of cyber threats to civil aviation, and covered topics

such as the cyber threat actors, possible threat scenarios, and the key elements of cyber risk management.

Through a combination of theoretical presentations, discussion and virtual activities, the participants learnt about the protection measures to be implemented by operators and entities to address cyber

threats. This included security by design, supply chain security, access control, cyber security culture, and cyber incident detection and response.

The training also focused on how to be better prepared for an inspection of cyber security measures in aviation, and how to conduct the on-site inspection.

Behaviour Detection Study Group discusses 2022 tasks

15-16 February — The ECAC Behaviour Detection Study Group held its first meeting of 2022 online to agree on the working methods to deliver its 2022 work programme within the set target dates.

Discussion covered how to best link the online training methodology for

behaviour detection (BD) with the model training programme for BD officers, and developing common research standards on the effectiveness of BD programmes.

A draft checklist to assess the BD programmes of Member States wishing to join the study group, and guidelines for such States on how to present their

programmes, were among the papers reviewed at the meeting.

The group agreed to continue to work on improving BD mentoring activities by defining different mentoring levels depending on States' capabilities to act as mentors and the needs of States requesting mentorship.

ECAC auditors plan a revival of the ECAC Aviation Security Audit Programme

22-23 February — ECAC certified aviation security auditors proposed updates to the ECAC Audit Methodology at their 20th annual meeting. These updates will address issues relating to auditor recertification before on-site audits can be resumed in 2022.

The group also considered proposals to improve the documents guiding the implementation of the ECAC security audit programme. They agreed to review the auditors' aide to ensure consistency among auditors when collecting information on the implementation of new and amended Doc 30 Part II recommendations, including on background checks, cargo security and training.

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As part of their continuous professional development, the auditors discussed and analysed different security scenarios relating to the implementation of Doc 30 recommendations. In doing so, they paid particular attention to developing a common interpretation of new and amended recommendations, as well as to exchanging experience and best practices in auditing those recommendations.

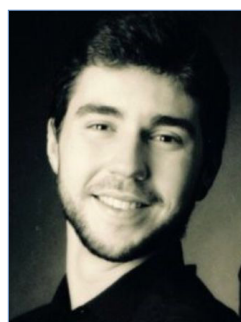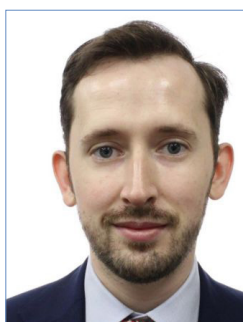# Common Evaluation Process of security equipment developments

2-3 February — The 52nd meeting of the ECAC Common Evaluation Process (CEP) Management Group provided an opportunity to discuss the progress and implementation status of recent CEP developments such as the tray equivalence protocol, the quality plan for CEP participating test centres, harmonised test report generators (harmonised protocols) and CEP key performance indicators, as well as the next steps.

With regard to CEP equipment lists, the group agreed to modify the documents which are publicly available on the website: lists containing only configurations found to meet a **currently valid performance standard** (e.g. STD 2 and STD 2.1 for security scanners) can be downloaded here. Lists of equipment found to meet only expired performance standards (e.g. STD 1 for security scanners) have been posted, for information, on a different web page.

... and new appointments

Alastair McIntosh (United Kingdom) took over as chair of the CEP Management Group during the 52nd CEP Management Group meeting. In accordance with the group's annual rotation principle, Mr McIntosh will assume the role of chair throughout 2022, supported for the same period by the deputy chair, **Xavier Vanden-Bossche** (France).

Jaap de Ruiter (Netherlands) was nominated to take over from Marie Aïdonidis (France) as moderator of the Quality Control Study Group, which reports to the CEP Management Group. He was subsequently appointed by the Security Programme Management Group for a first mandate of three years.

From the left: Alastair McIntosh, chair of the CEP Management Group; Xavier Vanden-Bossche, deputy chair of the CEP Management Group; and Jaap de Ruiter, moderator of the Quality Control Study Group

Airports' role in reducing aviation emissions is focus of the monthly ECAC familiarisation webinar on aviation and the environment

2 February — The seventh monthly ECAC familiarisation webinar on basic knowledge on aviation and the environment looked at the role played by airports in reducing aviation emissions, and progress made towards reaching aviation's climate goals.

Zurich Airport provided an overview of concrete actions and examples of measures that can be implemented by airports, and the ACI EUROPE representative underlined the organisation's commitment to reach net zero by 2050.

Topics discussed during the webinar included the airports' contribution to implementing the ICAO basket of measures to reduce emissions, presented by the ICAO EUR/NAT office, and how this can be referred to in States' action plans.

Over 80 participants from 24 ECAC Member States and five organisations joined this webinar. The next webinar is scheduled for 2 March 2022. ∎

What's on in March?

1	69th meeting of the Facilitation Sub-Group on Persons with Reduced Mobility (FAL-PRM-SG/69)
1	64th meeting of the ECAC Medium-Term Objectives Task Force (EMTO/64), Paris
1	1st European coordination meeting on the Ukraine crisis
1-2	CASE II Project webinar series on Insider Risk for experts from Botswana
2	53rd meeting of the Facilitation Sub-Group on Immigration (FAL-IMMIGRAT-SG/53)
2	8th Familiarisation webinar on basic knowledge on aviation and the environment (ENV-FAMWEB/8)
7-8	10th ECAC Familiarisation Course for Directors General (DG-FAMCOURSE/10)
8	43rd meeting of the Legal Task Force (LEGTF/43)
9	9th meeting of the European Coordination Group on Aviation Security (ECG-AS/9)
9	2nd Information Seminar on CORSIA (ENV-CORSIA-INF/2)
9	9th meeting of the European Coordination Group on Economic matters (ECG-ECO/9), Paris
10	3rd meeting of the EAEG Sustainable Aviation Fuels Task Group (SAFTG/3)
10-11	49th meeting of the Training Task Force (TrTF/49)
14	12th meeting of the European Coordination Group on Facilitation (ECG-FAL/12)
14-18	CASE II Project Best Practices in Covert Testing, Cotonou, Benin

14-18	CASE II Project Best Practices for National Auditors - Level 1, Lilongwe, Malawi
17	2nd meeting of the ECAC Network of Communication Specialists (NETCOM/2)
21	27th meeting of the European Safety and Air Navigation Coordination Group (ESANCG/27)
21-25	CASE II Project Best Practices for National Auditors - Level 1, Gaborone, Botswana
23	49th meeting of the European Aviation and Environment Working Group (Expanded) (EAEG/49)
29	34th meeting of the Security Forum (SF/34)
29-30	36th meeting of the Aircraft Noise Modelling Task Group (EAEG-AIRMOD/36)
30	13th meeting of the Economic Working Group (ECO/13)

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