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## PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITIES

### Discussion with EUROCONTROL Director General



**Brussels, 28 March** — The Director General of EUROCONTROL, Raúl Medina Caballero, ECAC President, Alessio Quaranta, and Executive Secretary, Patricia Reverdy met in Brussels to discuss the implementation of the ECAC-EUROCONTROL Agreement, and to emphasise the good cooperation between the two organisations. This annual review of the implementation of the agreement was also the opportunity to discuss topics of common interest, such as sustainable aviation fuels (SAF), cyber security and diversity, equity and inclusion, and to share information on initiatives taken by each organisation, and opportunities to work together to support European civil aviation.

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### ECAC exchange with EUROCONTROL State Liaison Officers

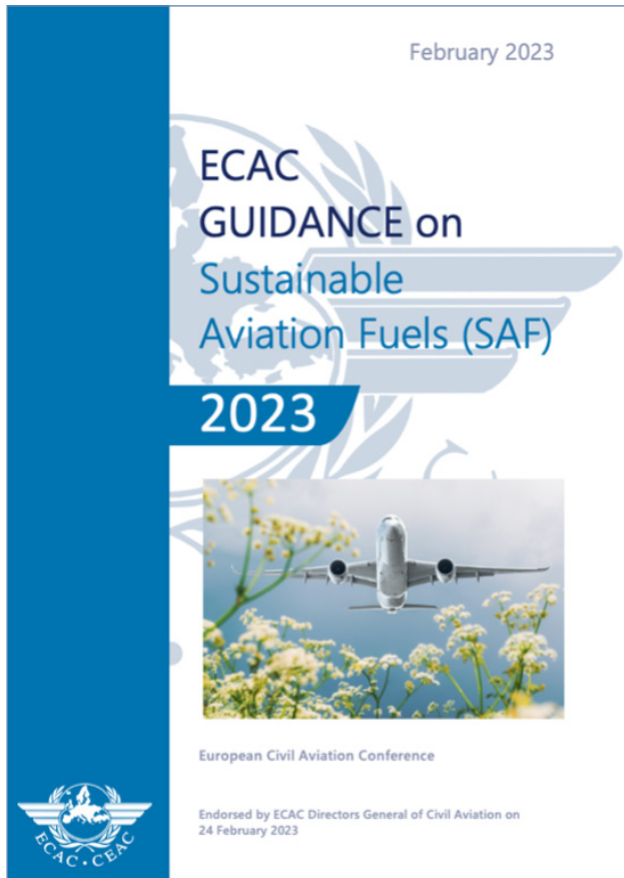
**Brussels, 29 March** — ECAC President Alessio Quaranta and Executive Secretary Patricia Reverdy gave a comprehensive presentation on ECAC's history, structure and activities to the EUROCONTROL State Liaison Officers (SLOs) during a visit to Brussels. The presentation was followed by numerous

questions about the ECAC Constitution, external relations and interactions with ICAO, as well as on specific issues such as environment and capacity-building activities. The meeting offered the occasion for a fruitful and valuable exchange of views with the State Liaison Officers. ■



## ECAC presents first ECAC guidance on sustainable aviation fuels

**Videoconference, 9 March** — The first [ECAC Guidance on Sustainable Aviation Fuels \(SAF\)](#), published on 24 February 2023, was presented to over 100 participants from ECAC Member States and European organisations at the third ECAC workshop on sustainable aviation fuels (SAF) organised within the framework of the [ECAC Capacity-Building Programme for Environment](#).



Opening the event, ECAC Focal Point for Environment, Rannia Leontaridi, Director General for Civil Aviation of the United Kingdom, highlighted that Europe is a global frontrunner in policy action to promote SAF. She said that the experience gained through pioneering initiatives is a key asset to support others, both in Europe and beyond. In that context, the ECAC SAF guidance, following its adoption by all ECAC Directors General, was an important milestone to promote sustainable fuels.

Inmaculada Gómez (Spain), ECAC co-rapporteur of the European Aviation and Environment Working Group (Expanded) Sustainable Aviation Fuels Task Group, introduced the content of the guidance. The introduction was followed by an overview by Daniel Rivas (EASA) of what sustainable aviation fuels are, and why they are needed. The ECAC Secretariat explained how this new guidance material will provide a basis for further ECAC capacity-building support to its Member States.

The guidance draws not only on policy initiatives in Europe, but also on work developed by others. This issue was addressed in a panel dedicated to examining recommendations for creating national SAF strategies. Ingrid Cherfils (Swedish Transport Agency and former ECAC President) talked about the International Transport Forum's work in 2022. Blandine Ferrier (ICAO EUR/NAT Office) referred to the ICAO Guidance on SAF Policies issued in June 2022, while Adrienne Gibbs (World Economic Forum) presented work developed by Clean Skies for Tomorrow, including its SAF Policy Toolkit issued in late 2021.

Sabine Cayre and Adelina Atanasova (EUROCONTROL) presented the [European SAF map](#), developed in cooperation with ECAC, which offers an overview of the SAF landscape in Europe. Several representatives of European States provided a brief update on their respective national SAF policies. The workshop also featured policy case studies from Henry Witt (United Kingdom Department for Transport) and Magnus Gislev (DG MOVE, European Commission) on respectively: updates on the United Kingdom SAF policy portfolio and the ReFuelEU Aviation regulation proposal.

## Understanding the CO<sub>2</sub> ceiling: a Dutch policy to address aviation's emissions

**Videoconference, 29 March** — The Dutch government has decided to introduce a CO<sub>2</sub> emissions ceiling for international aviation, a policy measure to ensure that certain emissions reduction targets are met in the Netherlands in the short, mid and long terms.

The 17<sup>th</sup> ECAC monthly familiarisation webinar on basic knowledge on aviation and the environment was dedicated to helping participants understand this policy measure thanks to the participation of Jesper van Manen, senior policy officer on sustainable

aviation from the Dutch civil aviation directorate.

The 2030 targets for the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of international aviation from the Netherlands are to be at or below the 2005 emissions levels, reaching in 2050 a reduction of at least 50% compared to the 2005 baseline. The longer-term goal is achieving zero emissions in 2070.

The objective of this new policy is to turn those national CO<sub>2</sub> reduction targets into clear, binding and enforceable regulatory limits. At the

webinar, insights were provided on the various implementation options considered, the impact assessment and stakeholders' consultation processes undertaken by the government, and the final ministerial cabinet decision to further develop it and then introduce a CO<sub>2</sub> ceiling per airport.

Over 70 participants from ECAC Member States, organisations and stakeholders joined the webinar, offering an opportunity for a fruitful exchange of views with the presenter. ■

## Swiss Federal Office of Civil Aviation participates in ECAC Quality Assessment Programme

**Geneva, 22-24 March** — Pilot phase II of the ECAC Quality Assessment Programme (QAP) on assistance for persons with disabilities and persons with reduced mobility (PRM) was completed with an assessment of easyJet Switzerland's operations at Geneva Airport, at the request of the Swiss Federal Office of Civil Aviation.

The assessment of easyJet Switzerland's operations focused on five topics featured under ECAC Document 30 Part I – *Facilitation*: website information, booking/prenotifications, training, assistance given, and complaints handling. The main objective of such assessments is to evaluate the assistance provided to the target passengers and share good practices.

The assessment team consisted of nominated national experts from the



following ECAC Member States: Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, North Macedonia and the United Kingdom. Vesna Pavlov also participated in the assessment representing the ECAC

Secretariat. As a national seconded expert to ECAC, she will support the next phase of the work, which will consider the pilot programme in its entirety from 2019.

## Facilitation experts consider preparations for new EU Entry/Exit System and other immigration matters

**Videoconference, 9 March** — The ECAC Facilitation Sub-Group on Immigration met virtually for the first time in 2023 for its 55<sup>th</sup> meeting. Participants shared information on the increasing efforts of Member States – both non-EU and EU – to prepare for the implementation of the Entry/Exit System (EES) changes through a range of measures at the

border, including additional training and procurement of staff, the testing of new technologies, and innovative passenger processing ideas. Evolving issues relating to Advance Passenger Information (API) and Passenger Name Records (PNR) were also discussed.

Efficient ways to share information on

the breadth of innovative technology trials and pilot schemes were identified as tasks to take forward under facilitation immigration matters, and the group also undertook to look in more detail at passport “chip” data access rules and practices across different ECAC Member States and third countries. ■

## ECONOMIC MATTERS

### Economic matters update

**Paris/videoconference, 23-24 March** — European economic experts gathered on 23 and 24 March for respectively the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the ECAC Network of Chief Economists and the 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Economic Working Group.

The Network of Chief Economists picked up the theme of the ECAC Directors General Forum in December 2022 on the lessons learnt from the summer 2022 challenges faced by the air transport sector. Participants exchanged information on statistics and other data to forecast passenger and flight numbers for 2023. They reflected on the variable results of 2022 in relation to carrier financial fitness, airport operations and the impacts of external factors, in the context of ongoing recovery.

At the Economic Working Group meeting the following day, the members of the network presented suggestions on key challenge areas to focus on before their next meeting in 2024, namely: to increase ECAC's understanding of ongoing ground handling labour issues, and to explore the lack of data available on business aviation.

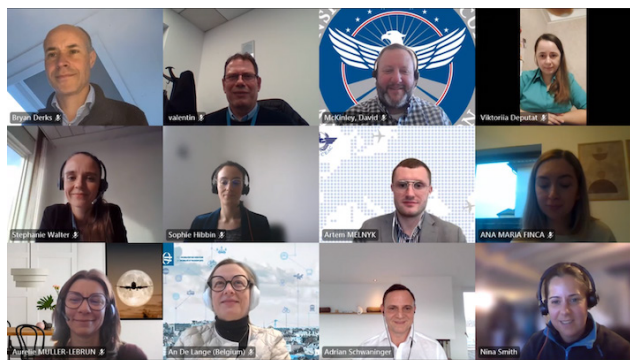
The Economic Working Group meeting offered the occasion for further exchange on economic matters, which included discussing recent engagement with airlines on airport charges post-COVID, and an in-depth look at global trends in domestic and international air transport traffic. The group agreed to meet virtually for two dedicated information sharing sessions in 2023, and examined the conclusions from the Paris Agreement 1956 survey issued in December 2022. ■

## Development of new security documents by ECAC Training Task Force

**Videoconference, 8-9 March** — Several new documents to be developed by the ECAC Training Task Force in 2023 for the ECAC Aviation Security Handbook formed the basis of discussions at the task force's recent meeting. The new documents will include guidance on screener pre-selection, and training aspects in the use of Automated Prohibited Item Detection (APID) software.

During their meeting, the members of the task force also considered some existing documents that will be updated in 2023, including on practical tests for certifying screeners, training of crew members, development of an air carrier security training programme, and human factors in aviation security.

The meeting examined progress made on developing new guidance on remedial training in aviation security and agreed to finalise the document at the group's next meeting in May 2023.



## Security experts prepare for the ICAO Aviation Security Panel

**Videoconference, 13 March** — At the first of two meetings ahead of the 34<sup>th</sup> ICAO Aviation Security Panel, the members of the European Coordination Group on Aviation Security (ECG-AS) began the development of priorities for the panel, noting that working papers from European panel members and observers were planned on cyber security guidance, CASE II capacity building and perimeter security. Preparations will continue ahead of the group's main preparatory meeting in Paris on 16 May (ECG-AS/13). ■

## Third cyber security training in 2023

**Videoconference, 21-23 March** — Aviation experts from Sweden and Switzerland participated in a Best Practices for National Auditors – Cyber Security (basic) training course, aimed at strengthening their understanding of cyber threats to aviation and cyber security measures.

The three-day course reviewed international and European (ECAC/EU) requirements and recommendations for cyber security in aviation, common cyber threats, key aviation entities and their critical systems. Through the theoretical presentations, discussions and virtual activities, the participants gained a deeper understanding of best practices for inspecting/auditing the key cyber security measures in aviation, including security by design, supply chain security, access control, control of software installations, personnel security, cyber attack detection and response.

The course also provided the participants with a broad insight into the key elements of the Information Security Management System, cyber security culture and other organisational measures vital for protecting critical aviation systems and data against cyber threats.

## Irish Aviation Authority hosts best practices for national auditors training

**Dublin, 27 February-3 March** — National auditors from Belgium, Estonia, Ireland, Montenegro and Slovakia participated in the ECAC Best Practices for National Auditors – Level 1 training course organised in Dublin. Over the course of five days, the eight participants developed their knowledge and skills in inspecting passenger and cabin baggage screening, passenger and baggage reconciliation, hold baggage screening and protection. They were introduced to inspection/audit methodology and techniques, debriefing, compliance assessment and report writing. They were also able to gain a better understanding of the roles, powers and responsibilities of national auditors.

The Irish Aviation Authority provided on-site assistance for the course, organised the practical activities at the airport and released an experienced security expert as a co-instructor, who significantly contributed to sharing practical experience and achieving the training objectives.



## Second Basic Aviation Security training course

**Videoconference, 15-17 March** — Due to high demand, a second Basic Aviation Security Training course was organised for security experts from Albania, Finland, the Netherlands, North Macedonia and Serbia. The course was conducted by instructors from Romania and the United Kingdom.

Through a combination of theoretical presentations and virtual activities, participants were able to learn more about the history of civil aviation security, threats and likely methods of attack as well as the role of risk management in aviation security. The course reviewed the key aviation security measures described

in ECAC Doc 30, Part II - *Security*, and the security technologies used for screening. Attention was also paid to the role of the appropriate authority in the aviation security system. ■

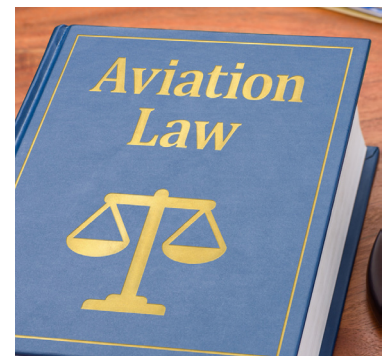
## LEGAL MATTERS

### Legal experts consider how to enhance information sharing on legal matters

**Videoconference, 30 March** — The ECAC Legal Task Force met virtually to kick off this year's meetings of the group. Participants discussed the 2023 work programme as agreed by Directors General in December 2022. The meeting considered how best to implement an effective approach to information sharing across the group on key legal matters to enable learning from precedents established under new or complex cases.

Updates on recent global engagement were shared by several of the task force members

who had taken part in these. In particular, this included work under the ICAO Legal Committee and representation at the second Civil Legal Advisors Forum (CALAF/2) in February 2023. A discussion took place on input from the task force to provide Directors General with legal expertise on assessing the terms and conditions document for ECAC's possible participation in the ICAO Assistance, Capacity-building and Training for Sustainable Aviation Fuels (ACT-SAF) programme. ■



## DIVERSITY

### ECAC pilot training course on diversity and inclusion in civil aviation



**Videoconference, 15 and 31 March** — In December 2022, Directors General decided to organise an online pilot training course on diversity and inclusion for ECAC Member States, in

response to the consolidated results of the ECAC diversity, equity, and inclusion survey conducted in summer 2022. In responding to the survey, several Member States had requested capacity-

building activities on diversity matters to promote a better understanding of diversity good practices in the work environment.

To ensure the training course met the needs of the Member States, the ECAC Secretariat selected a dedicated training provider to deliver the pilot course over three training sessions. The sessions were held on 27 February, 15 March and 31 March 2023, and attended by representatives of twelve Member States: Austria, France, Greece, Italy, Montenegro, Portugal, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, Türkiye, Ukraine and the United Kingdom.

The training course covered the topic of unconscious bias, as well as good practices to promote an inclusive work place, and keys to define a successful diversity, equity, and inclusion strategy. During the breakout sessions, practical examples were shared between the participants based on their experience in their own country. The course also saw the participation of EUROCONTROL's HR Business Partner, Sélim Jardak. ■

## Airlines for America meets with ECAC Secretariat

**Paris, 15 March** — Executive Secretary Patricia Reverdy led a delegation from the ECAC Secretariat in a meeting with representative of Airlines for America (A4A) during the organisation's recent visit to Paris. The meeting provided insight into A4A's latest engagement with authorities in the United States, as well as their recent conversations with European stakeholders.

The US delegation raised the subject of air connectivity in the context of Russian overflight restrictions, and were interested in plans for modernised European travel authorisation systems and initiatives such as the EU Entry/Exit System (EES).

Perspectives on sustainability were shared during the meeting. A4A expressed its support for the initial steps being taken globally by governments and industry to incorporate sustainable aviation fuel into the aviation sector but was concerned about global production levels. They also conveyed a wish to maintain their engagement in Europe. Passenger rights and communications from the aviation sector were highlighted as important areas of interest.

The ECAC Secretariat shared best practices in related work, informing A4A of the ECAC Quality Assistance Programme for the Transport of Persons with Reduced Mobility (QAP) and the ECAC Network of Communication Specialists (NETCOM). ■



## NEWS FROM THE ECAC SECRETARIAT

### Mickaël Terosier

joined the ECAC CASE II Project team on 3 April. Prior to joining ECAC, Mickaël held various positions in France, including as deputy head of the security department at the French air transport gendarmerie headquarters, aviation security auditor for the French civil aviation authority, and instructor at ENAC – *École nationale de l'Aviation civile*, one of the ICAO training centres.

Throughout his career, Mickaël has focused on all aspects of aviation security, from developing, monitoring and teaching national, European and international AVSEC regulation. As an international aviation security specialist, he has provided technical expertise in France and over 15 countries in Europe, West Africa, and the Middle East. ■



## What's on in April?

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| 4     | 197 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Coordinating Committee (CC/197), Paris  |
| 5-6   | 38 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Security Forum (SF/38), videoconference  |
| 13    | 65 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Facilitation Working Group (FAL/65), Paris   |
| 18-19 | Workshop on screener recruitment, training and certification in a post-COVID environment, Paris                              |
| 19    | 18 <sup>th</sup> Familiarisation webinar on basic knowledge on aviation and the environment (ENV-FAMWEB/18), videoconference |
| 20    | 6 <sup>th</sup> coordination meeting of the Common Evaluation Process participating test centres (CEP-TC/6), videoconference |
| 25    | ACC Workshop on the treatment of serious incidents, Bratislava   |
| 26-27 | 58 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Guidance Material Task Force (GMTF/58), Paris/hybrid   |
| 26-27 | 46 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Study Group on Cyber Security in Civil Aviation (CYBER/46), Madrid                           |

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