



Agreement on Cooperation between 7 ANSPs

Summary

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, the civil Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSP) Belgocontrol, DFS Deutsche Flugsicherung GmbH, the French Direction des Services de la Navigation Aérienne (DSNA), Luchtverkeersleiding Nederland, Administration de la Navigation Aérienne of Luxembourg, Skyguide Swiss air navigation services Ltd. and the European Organisation for the Safety of Air Navigation (Eurocontrol) signed an

Agreement on cooperation between the 7 ANSPs for the implementation and operation of Functional Airspace Block Europe Central (FABEC).

This signature is based on the strong conviction shared by all partners that an enforcement of cooperation in the FABEC is feasible and necessary to create a more efficient air navigation system in the heart of Europe. The promising results of the FABEC Feasibility Study Report completed in summer 2008 have justified its overall value in terms of operational, technical and financial benefits. As a first step, and in accordance with the signing of the Declaration of Intent by the 6 States located in the heart of Europe, the ANSP Agreement sets up a framework for cooperation to progressively develop and facilitate the implementation and operation of FABEC. The approval of the agreement is subject of the respective boards.

Aiming at enhancing safety, environmental sustainability, capacity, cost-effectiveness, flight efficiency and military mission effectiveness of air navigation and guided by a clear





set of performance targets, the ANSPs agree to actively contribute to the FABEC by

- active monitoring and guidance of the implementation project,
- joint acceptance of the deliverables from the implementation project as well as a coordinated implementation and operation,
- delivering the necessary financial and human resources.

In the beginning, this will lead to cooperation in common performance management, business planning, joint stakeholder consultation and representation in international affairs. Reflecting the high expectations of the airlines, the ANSPs are aiming to achieve first results for the users in 2010. The ANSPs will develop a management structure and common strategy by summer 2009.

The CEO's from the different ANSPs have agreed to work on the idea to "act as one company". Details will be worked out until March 2009. This common spirit shows the conviction and willingness to make FABEC a success.

