

Social Dialogue and Consultation

FABEC Social Dialogue activities continued

1 May 2019. – Representatives of FABEC and employees met on the DFS campus in Langen on 11 April for a Social Dialogue.



The participants of the FABEC Social Dialogue at the DFS Air Navigation Services Academy in Langen last Thursday. (Photo: DFS)

Regular Social Dialogue activities with employee representatives take place within FABEC under the slogan “Working together to build a common strategy for European ATM”. These activities include discussions, consultations and workshops on current and future-oriented ATM topics and focus on improving the exchange between employees, management and institutional representatives. The workshop on 11 April focused on two topics. In the morning, the chairperson of the FABEC Standing Committee Finance, Eckhard Drews (DFS), and the representative of the FABEC Performance Management Group, Tom van Poelvoorde (Skeyes), reported about the current capacity, environment and cost-efficiency performance as well as about the preparations for the FABEC Performance Plan for the third reference period.

In the second part of the event, the representative of the Network Manager, Razvan Bucuroiu (Eurocontrol), presented an overview of the current capacity development in Europe and discussed any questions asked by the participants.



FABEC Social dialogue directly responds to the EC's promotion of competitiveness, fairness, economic prosperity and social well-being in the EU. In the FABEC, the Social Dialogue serves primarily to support the information flow between the working, management and institutional level. A dedicated social dialogue manager coordinates these activities and ensures the consistency and continuity of these relations.

Eckhard Drews (DFS), chairperson of the FABEC Standing Committee Finance: *“Social dialogue with employee representatives and social partners is very valuable. Particularly in the current challenging situation in air traffic, the mutual exchange of different ideas and concerns becomes more important.”*

Razvan Bucuroiu (Eurocontrol), representative of the Network Manager: *“The discussions in the social dialogue can be animated and controversial. It is important that we listen respectfully to each other. Then it becomes clear that we are all in the same boat in the air transport industry and that we have the same goal, namely handling air traffic safely and orderly.”*

Further dates for Social Dialogues in 2019:

- 8 May 2019 (Langen): Second Layer Social Dialogue workshop SESAR solutions PJ05-03, PJ10-01a, PJ10-06
- 5/6 June (Gent): FABEC Social Dialogue Toolbox Workshop

The airspace of the six FABEC States of Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and Switzerland is one of the busiest and most complex in the world. The majority of major European airports, major civil airways and military training areas are located in this area. FABEC airspace covers 1.7 million km² and handles about 6 million flights per year – 55% of European air traffic.

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