

Social Dialogue

FABEC Tripartite meeting underlines the importance of communicating

Luxembourg, 11 December 2019; As Europe's air traffic management sector enters a new era of unprecedented change the need to enhance the level of communications between social partners has become crucial, agreed delegates to the FABEC tripartite social dialogue meeting in Luxembourg on November 29, 2019. Representatives from FABEC States, FABEC staff representatives and air navigation service providers (ANSPs), met in Luxembourg to discuss a range of issues - from day-to-day operational challenges and the future of the Single European Sky programme along with the deployment of SESAR solutions. In addition, the Network Manager provided an input to how Europe's ATM system – by combining efforts on local, FAB and network level – dealt with peak time demand in 2019.

“States are committed to FABEC playing a pivotal role over the coming years as Europe re-orientates its operations in the wake of the Wise Persons Group report and other institutional changes,” said Pierre Jaeger, chair of the FABEC council. “Based on this conviction we have published our common States view on the Wise Person Group report and have developed the FABEC Performance Plans. Social dialogue is crucial and FABEC States are committed to this constructive exchange.”

Michiel Van Dorst, Chair ASB heading the ANSP delegation stated how “it is important to have the staff on board. A lot of work has been accomplished in social dialogue in 2019. We are committed to enabling a socially sustainable future”

“This format offers us the opportunity to discuss topics on several levels - ranging from the future of the Single European Sky to wider operational matters and practical day-to-day issues concerning systems and procedures in the ops room,” said Charles-André Quesnel of USAC-CGT.

“These are very helpful meetings,” said Volker Dick, ATCEUC's president, representing TUEM. “As we are working in the same industry we have many common views and these meetings give us the opportunity to discuss and understand where we agree and where differences may arise.”

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 5.8 million flights per year – 55% of European air traffic. FABEC received the ATCA Strategy Award for team work and co-operation in October 2018

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