

FABEC 2024 Airspace User Associations Consultation

Tackling challenges together

July 1, 2024, Paris – By invitation of the French FABEC presidency, State representatives, ANSPs and airspace user associations met in Paris for establishing a common understanding to the common challenges the industry is currently facing.

In his opening speech Johan Decuyper, CEO skeyes and this year's Chairman of the FABEC CEO Board, reaffirmed the commitment of FABEC ANSPs to continue to work collaboratively to jointly identify operational improvements so that FABEC can deliver best value to the FABEC States and all stakeholders.

Jean-Christophe Braun, DGAC, representing the FABEC State presidency emphasized the definition of a common Performance Plan according to the FABEC treaty and States ambition level; aiming at supporting airlines and passengers by reducing delays and increasing efficiency of air traffic in the core area of Europe; assuring to maintain and further develop sustainable airspace management and use through environmentally responsive operations, both in the en-route and terminal airspaces, as well as strengthening the integrity and safety of all flight operations.

The meeting noted the open dialogue and acknowledged the need to learn more about the working methods of each stakeholder. Of particular relevance was the discussion about the suitability and implementation process of new performance indicators for monitoring purposes, which should be output oriented. The parties agreed to establish a joint work with FABEC States, FABEC ANSPs and Airspace User Associations to exchange views on the existing and new Performance Indicators as well as the development of the SES Performance Scheme in view of RP5 and in relation to quick wins.

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 the 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 55% of European air traffic.

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