

Editorial

Welcome to CASE II News, the newsletter of the CASE II Project funded by the European Union and implemented by ECAC.

The first quarter of 2023 was a very busy period for the Project, with ten activities delivered for the benefit of 15 Partner States. In addition to this high volume of delivery, there were several remarkable achievements that made this quarter stand out.

Firstly, I am pleased to announce that delivery has at last begun to Partner States in Asia with a multilateral activity in Kazakhstan on the topic of Best Practices for National Auditors, Level 1. Central Asian Partner States have also contributed to the Project's implementation by providing experts to support the delivery of this training. This first and fruitful engagement with Asian Partner States is a very encouraging beginning, and we look forward to the multiple events planned in Asia for the rest of the year.

This quarter also saw the reinforcement of the Project's ability to offer training in languages other than English. To accommodate our new Partner States from Central Asia, we have added Russian to the Project's languages of delivery. The capacity of the Project to deliver activities in French will be consolidated by the recruitment of a French speaking aviation security expert, who joined the team on 3 April. Moreover, the renewed partnership between CASE II and the Portuguese ANAC has flourished in the beginning of this year and will continue to benefit Lusophone Partner States in the months to come.

This diversification of languages is partly driven by some very welcome additions to the list of our Partner States. Of the 15 Partner States that benefited from in-country training activities in the first quarter of 2023, 11 did so for the first time. These new Partner States, spanning all the regions covered by the CASE II Project, include Angola, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Libya, Madagascar, Mozambique, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Yemen, and Zambia. The team looks forward to developing a fruitful working relationship with each of these, and many more in the future.

Looking to the future, one recent development will have a significant impact on the implementation of the Project: the signing of an addendum to the Project's contract in February, extending its duration until November 2024 to make up for implementation time lost during the pandemic.

All of these developments and achievements make for a very encouraging start to the year and the team is looking forward with excitement to the Summer and Autumn season ahead.



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Activities

All ten of the activities delivered during this period were in-country training activities, for the benefit of 140 participants from 15 Partner States. Here below is a breakdown by topic:

- *Best Practices in Risk Assessment*: three in-country activities (for the benefits of Ghana, Iraq, Libya, Yemen, and Zambia).
- *Best Practices for National Auditors, Level 1*: one in-country activity (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan)
- *Best Practices for National Auditors, Level 2*: one in-country activity (Angola)
- *Best Practices in Covert Testing*: one in-country activity (Mozambique)
- *Training in Landside Vulnerability Assessment*: one in-country activity (The Gambia)
- *Counter-MANPADS Mentoring*: three in-country phases (Benin, Gabon, Madagascar)

In each case, the Project Team was pleased to receive positive feedback from the participants and their respective Partner States. Of these ten activities, there are five which particularly stood out and are here below described.

Best Practices in Risk Assessment

**16 - 18 January 2023,
Rabat, Morocco**

The first capacity-building activity to be delivered this year, twelve participants and two CASE II experts were hosted by the Arab Civil Aviation Organization (ACAO) at their Rabat headquarters, another sign of the excellent working relations between ECAC and ACAO.

The participants were aviation security personnel of the Iraqi, Libyan, and Yemeni civil aviation authorities, all of which were participating in a CASE II training activity for the first time. Four participants from each Partner State met over two days and, to facilitate comprehension for all the participants, presentations were conducted both in Arabic and English.

The ACAO Director General and Air Navigation and Safety Expert were present at both the opening and closing ceremonies and recognised with appreciation the role that ECAC and the CASE II Project are playing in strengthening civil aviation security.



Group photo in the garden of ACAO's headquarters, with participants, experts, and the DG of ACAO- 18 January

Counter-MANPADS Mentoring, Phase III

**13 - 17 February 2023,
Libreville, Gabon**

It is with great pleasure that the Project Team announces the completion of the three-phase counter-MANPADS Mentoring activity by Gabon!

On behalf of the CASE II Project, three experts of the French Direction générale de l'aviation civile (DGAC) delivered the third and last phase of the programme to a group of 20 participants composed of personnel from the armed forces, intelligence and security services, and civil agencies responsible for the security of the airport.

This phase comes almost a year after the second phase in April 2022 and the participants and their respective organisations have since been collaborating to create a thorough risk assessment report on the area surrounding the airport.

On reviewing the results of this assessment, the experts from the DGAC recognised that the solid progress made since the last phase was evidence

of highly effective coordination and communication between the different security services. It is also considered that the Gabonese authorities now possess all the necessary awareness and skills to be fully independent in this area of security.

The CASE II team thanks the Gabon ANAC for their cooperation, looks forward to continuing working together, and wishes them every success in implementing the knowledge they have gained during this mentoring activity.



Group photo of the experts from the DGAC with the participants- 17 February

Counter-MANPADS Mentoring, Phase II

**6 - 17 March 2023,
Antananarivo, Madagascar**

The first activity under the framework of the CASE II Project was delivered in Madagascar. On behalf of the CASE II Project, three experts from the French DGAC travelled to Antananarivo to share their expertise on best practices to help secure Malagasy civil aviation against the threat of MANPADS.



The participants and experts from the DGAC at the closing ceremony, attended by the DG of ACM- 17 March

Drawn from various military and civil agencies and bodies with responsibility for airport security, the 20 participants conducted reconnaissance around the perimeter of the airport with the experts from the DGAC, to identify areas especially vulnerable to use by terrorists. They also received training in how best to record and consolidate threat information so that it can be of the most use in taking preventative steps. Throughout the practical and theoretical exercises of the activity, the participants showed dedication and enthusiastic engagement.

The closing ceremony of the activity was attended by the Director General of Aviation Civile de Madagascar (ACM), who addressed the participants and the experts and underlined his determination to continue the new partnership with CASE II to secure Madagascar's civil aviation against the threat of terrorism. The Project Team looks forward to continuing its collaboration with ACM and to accompanying Madagascar authorities in their fight against terrorism in the future.

Best Practices for National Auditors, Level 1

**13 - 17 March 2023,
Almaty, Kazakhstan**

This activity was an important milestone in the implementation of the Project, being the first activity to be delivered to Partner States in Asia and the first one to be delivered in the Russian language.

Eleven participants from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan met at the Aviation Academy of Kazakhstan in Almaty. The training was delivered by one expert from the CASE II Project Team and one expert released by the Aviation Administration of Kazakhstan. The exchange between them and the participants was lively and productive throughout.

On the final day, the Director of the ICAO Regional Training Centre attended the closing ceremony and expressed deep appreciation for the Project's

activities, particularly now that they extend into Central Asia. The Project Team thanks the representatives of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan for their enthusiastic engagement and looks forward to the multiple activities planned in the coming months.



Participants collaborating on a theoretical exercise- 13 March

Best Practices in Risk Assessment

**13 - 15 March 2023,
Lusaka, Zambia**

Zambia was among the Partner States benefitting for the first time from in-country activities under the CASE II Project, with 12 participants from the Zambia Civil Aviation Authority (ZCAA), Zambia

Airports Company Ltd., and the Zambia Police Service attending the three-day training course.

Joining the expert from the CASE II Project Team was an aviation security expert from Civil Aviation Authority of Albania, who had previously contributed to Project activities. The participants were enthusiastic and keen to exchange on Risk Assessment topics, leading to a positive and dynamic learning environment.

The Director General of the ZCAA addressed the participants and the experts on the second day of the activity and at the closing ceremony, both times expressing the ZCAA's gratitude to ECAC and the CASE II Project. Both he and the participants expressed a desire for more training from the Project, and the team is pleased to announce that CASE II will deliver another training activity to Zambia this year in *Best Practices in Covert Testing*.



The CASE II expert in training with the participants-
13 March

Partnership with the Portuguese ANAC

Following the successful delivery of *Best Practices for National Auditors, Level 1*, to Guinea Bissau in December 2022, the partnership with the Portuguese *Autoridade nacional de aviação civil* (ANAC) is gathering momentum and flourishing.

Thanks to their contributions, the Project was able to support delivery of activities to two Lusophone Partner States that had not previously received in-country CASE II activities. *Best Practices for National Auditors, Level 2*, was delivered to the Angolan Civil Aviation Authority and *Best Practices*

in Covert Testing to the Mozambiquan Civil Aviation Authority, in January and February respectively. The activities were well attended and received warm feedback, both from the participants and from the Partner State Civil Aviation Authorities.

ECAC is grateful to the Portuguese ANAC for its continued and increasing contributions to the CASE II Project's delivery and looks forward to the multiple activities planned for the coming year.



Participants on a tour of facilities in Angola- 25 January



An expert from Portuguese ANAC giving a presentation in Mozambique- 13 February

Extension of the Project's implementation period

The Project Team is very pleased to announce that the European Commission and the President of ECAC signed an addendum to the CASE II Contract in February extending the Project's duration by 12 months until 30 November 2024.

As the restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic significantly slowed the progress of implementation, the added year will allow the Project Team the necessary time to achieve its objectives and support Partner States in the three target regions to the extent envisioned at the Project's inception.

New CASE II Team Member

The CASE II Team is very pleased to welcome a new member, Mickaël Terosier.



Prior to joining ECAC on 3 April, Mickaël held various positions in France, including 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, one of the ICAO Training Centres.

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

The Project Team is looking forward to working with Mickaël and to his contributions to the Project's dynamic. In particular, the team is very keen to deliver more activities to French speaking Partner States, using his experience. We wish him all the best in his future with us!