

## CASE II News

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### Editorial

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

The Project Team has continued to implement the various activities of the Project over the first three months of 2024, delivering 21 bilateral in-country activities to 15 Partner States. These activities have covered a range of important topics, including risk and vulnerability assessment, security equipment and processes, and security culture. Of the 15 participating Partner States, the Project Team is pleased to announce six that benefitted from bilateral in-country training for the first time: the Union of the Comoros, the Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ivory Coast, Seychelles and Turkmenistan.

The Project Team has also been very busy planning the year ahead, with the organisation of regional and interregional workshops for the benefit of Partner States in all three of the Project's target regions. In partnership with the Transport Corridor Europe-Caucasus-Asia (TRACECA), with whom ECAC has a Cooperation Arrangement, the Project will organise two regional workshops in 2024 on the topic of "Threat Assessment and Risk Management" and "Unmanned Aircraft Systems". These workshops will take place at TRACECA headquarters in Baku and will facilitate dialogue on these important topics between Partner States in Central Asia.

The Project Team is also looking forward to continuing in 2024 its strong working relationship with the African Civil Aviation Commission and the Arab Civil Aviation Organization and is coordinating the organisation of regional and interregional workshops on Air Cargo Security, Cybersecurity, and Unmanned Aircraft Systems.

On behalf of the Project Team, I would like to thank all the participants, Partner States, and our colleagues in regional organisations for their continued support of the Project's activities, and especially to recognise the role of the European Commission as the Project's sponsor. By working together, we contribute to the effective and more sustainable implementation of aviation security measures for the benefit of all our citizens.

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## Activities

During this quarter, 21 in country training activities, 17 bilateral and four multilateral, were delivered for the benefit of 256 participants from 15 Partner States. Below is a breakdown by category of activity:

- *Training in Covert Testing*: one multilateral activity (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan)
- *Training in Security Equipment Inspection*: one bilateral activity (Ivory Coast)
- *Initial Training for National Auditors*: three bilateral and one multilateral activities (Comoros, Morocco, and Seychelles; Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan in multilateral activity)
- *Advanced Training for National Auditors*: two activities (Democratic Republic of the Congo, Malawi)
- *Training for National Auditors, Cargo*: two activities (both in Egypt)
- *Training in Risk Assessment*: five bilateral and one multilateral activities (Congo, Madagascar, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan; Somalia and Tanzania in multilateral activity)
- *Training in Security Culture*: one bilateral and one multilateral activity (Madagascar; Tanzania and Somalia in multilateral activity)
- *Training for Landside Security Assessors*: three bilateral activities (Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan)

Seven of these activities stood out among the others as milestones in the Project's implementation and are described below in greater detail.

### Training for National Auditors, Cargo

**16 - 18 January 2024**  
**Cairo, Egypt**

For the first training activity delivered in Egypt, 10 participants attended the course at the Egyptian Civil Aviation Authority (ECAA) headquarters to focus on auditing processes for cargo security.

As part of the training, exercises were carried out in the cargo area of Cairo International Airport to illustrate through practical examples the techniques and practices which were discussed in the classroom session. Throughout the activity, the participants demonstrated their energy and enthusiasm for the topic by taking active part in the exercises and discussions facilitated by the two instructors from the CASE II Project Team.

The activity was opened by the Director General of the ECAA, who recognised the constructive impact of the CASE II Project's work and thanked the instructors for their expertise and assistance in improving the implementation of quality control on cargo security in Egypt.

On the final day of the training, the General

Manager of Airlines Security of the ECAA echoed these thoughts and thanked the instructors for the fruitful exchange of experiences which had taken place. Demonstrating the impact and value of the content of this training, a second iteration of this training took place from 5 to 7 March 2024, to share the techniques more broadly throughout the ECAA.

The CASE II Project Team thanks its colleagues in Cairo for twice hosting its experts for training and we look forward to continuing to broaden our partnership in the months with further activities.



Group photo during the practical exercises of the participants with the CASE II instructors.

## Initial Training for National Auditors

22 - 26 January 2024  
Moroni, Comoros

The CASE II Project Team welcomes the Union of the Comoros as the second Partner State during this quarter to receive its first in-country training activity. One expert from the Project Team and the secondee from the *Direction Générale de l'Aviation Civile* of Morocco delivered this training on auditing security processes to 12 participants from the *Agence Nationale de l'Aviation Civile et de la Météorologie de l'Union des Comores* (ANACM).

The Head of the Security and Facilitation Department of the ANACM opened and closed this training course, and the Director General also met with the participants and the instructors to thank the CASE II Project for the training and to underline its importance in providing the technical tools to reinforce civil aviation security in Comoros.

As the structure of training activities for national auditors systematically includes a practical element,

the course was divided between classroom training at the ANACM head offices and exercises at Prince Said Ibrahim International Airport.

The participation of the trainees, coupled with the feedback provided by the ANACM following the activity, demonstrated the positive impact the activity has and will have on quality control activities in Comoros and the Project Team thanks the ANACM for its engagement.



Group photo with the participants and the CASE II instructors.

## Training in Risk Assessment

31 January - 2 February 2024  
Brazzaville, Republic of the Congo

The Republic of the Congo became the fourth Partner State to host a CASE II activity for the first time during this quarter.

One expert from the CASE II Project Team and the secondee from the *Direction Générale de l'Aviation Civile* of Morocco worked together with 12 participants to share information on methodologies and good practices on current practices in risk assessment in civil aviation.

The trainees represented a diverse group of organisations responsible for risk assessment and mitigation in the airport, including the civil aviation authority, the airport authority, law enforcement agencies and the border control and customs authorities. In addition to broadening the reach of the Project's impact, this beneficial variety of organisations and authorities will help foster a

holistic, inter-agency approach to matters of risk assessment.

The event was opened and closed by the Director for Air Transport of the *Agence Nationale de l'Aviation Civile* (ANAC), who thanked the European Union, ECAC, and the CASE II Project for spreading awareness of international standards in civil aviation and for strengthening the Congo's capacity in this area of security.



Participants during a group exercise.

## Initial Training for National Auditors

**12 - 16 February 2024**  
**Rabat, Morocco**

The Project Team delivered a second in-country training activity for the benefit of the *Direction Générale de l'Aviation Civile* (DGAC).

The training was delivered in French to a group of participants drawn from the DGAC, the airport operator, government agencies and ministries responsible for airport security, and representatives from airline industries.

The variety of organisations and perspectives present at the training, coupled with the energy and good grasp of auditing principles demonstrated by the participants, led to many fruitful exchanges and significant insights for the participants and instructors alike.

The Head of the Airport Operations Division of the DGAC opened and closed the activity, thanking ECAC and the European Commission for their

contributions to Moroccan civil aviation security through the CASE II Project.

The Project Team was grateful for this opportunity to deepen its cooperation with the DGAC, which has previously contributed expert speakers to five workshops and two in-country training activities over the course of the Project, as well as released an expert to CASE II as a secondee.



An instructor and participants during the classroom component of the training at DGAC headquarters.

## Training activities in Risk Assessment and Landside Security

**12 - 17 February 2024**  
**Osh, Kyrgyzstan**

These activities were attended by participants from the State Civil Aviation Agency of Kyrgyzstan, with whom the Project has a strong and fruitful partnership.

Both activities were delivered in Osh, for the benefit of representatives from the four international



Participants and the external expert in classroom training.

airports in the southern regions of Kyrgyzstan who had been unable to attend previous activities on the same topics delivered in Bishkek.

The Russian-speaking CASE II expert was joined by an external expert released by the Aviation Administration of Kazakhstan. They met with 12 participants who were all security personnel representing multiple levels of seniority in the national airport operator, including operations staff, middle management and the managing directors of all four airports.

This broad cross-section of participants and limited prior exposure to international standards in risk and vulnerability assessment suggest that these activities will have an organisation-wide impact on the approaches risk mitigation and vulnerability assessment in the Kyrgyz airports represented.

## Training in Covert Testing

**26 - 29 February 2024**  
**Almaty, Kazakhstan**

One of the first multilateral activities of 2024, 12 participants from four Partner States met for four days: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan. It is notably the first activity in which participants from the *Türkmenhowaýollary* (the aviation authority of Turkmenistan) have participated.

The activity took place in Almaty and discussed current practices and techniques of covert testing. This was the first time this activity had been offered in the Russian language.

The increase in activities offered by the CASE II Project in Russian to our Central Asian Partner States goes hand in hand with our ongoing efforts to foster an aviation security network among Partner States in the region. The participation of the trainees and their lively interaction with each

other suggests that progress towards this goal is steadily being made.

Two additional multilateral training activities are planned with Partner States in Central Asia, as well as two larger regional workshops, in partnership with TRACECA, to continue to build relationships with and between Partner States in the region.



Group photo of the participants and instructors.

## Training activities in Risk Assessment and Security Culture

**26 February - 1 March 2024**  
**Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania**

After an initial multilateral activity in November 2023, the Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority (TCAA) again agreed to host participants from the Somali Civil Aviation Authority (SCAA) for CASE II training activities with the back-to-back delivery of these two complementary training activities.



Participants and instructor in classroom session.

Delivered by two experts from the CASE II Project Team, 12 participants attended the training on risk assessment and 25 attended the training on security culture at the Tanzania Civil Aviation Training Centre (CATC) in the vicinity of Julius Nyerere International Airport.

In an atmosphere of cooperation and active participation, the training was a step forward for regional security cooperation, with participants contributing to discussion and exchanging openly with their colleagues and the instructors throughout.

The Director of the CATC attended the closing ceremony and joined the participants in thanking the CASE II Project and the experts for their technical assistance, which the feedback demonstrated led to proposals for follow-up actions that would see risk assessment and mitigation reinforced and encourage the spreading of a culture of collective security throughout the two authorities.

These training activities strengthened existing regional cooperation on aviation security and the Project Team will continue to support the TCAA and the SCAA with more activities soon.

## Upcoming activities: TRACECA workshops



In the coming quarter, the CASE II Project will be delivering two workshops in cooperation with the Transport Corridor Europe-Caucasus-Asia (TRACECA) for the benefit of Partner States in the Caucasus and Central Asia region.

The coordination of these activities builds on the existing relationship between ECAC and TRACECA, established in a Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2013 and reinforced by a high-level meeting in on 25 January 2024 between the Executive Secretary of ECAC and the Secretary General of TRACECA.

As a regional organisation focused on the development of regional transport dialogue and ensuring the efficient and reliable Euro-Asian transport links, the CASE II Project Team is looking forward to combining efforts with TRACECA in support of Partner States in the region.

The first workshop, on the topic of “Threat Assessment and Risk Management”, will take place in TRACECA headquarters in Baku from 29 to 30 April 2024. Approximately 50 participants from TRACECA Member States (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Romania, Tajikistan, Türkiye, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan) are expected to attend this activity. The main objective of the workshop will be to bring together both regulators and stakeholders to:

- Understand the various threats to the aviation ecosystem, and how to constantly review their critical assets;
- Examine in detail the relationship between threat, vulnerability and risk, and appreciate their impacts on airline/airport operations;
- Develop and implement an agreed approach and risk assessment methodology; and
- Develop effective mitigating measures.

The second workshop is expected to take place in June 2024 in Baku on the topic of Unmanned Aircraft Systems.

## Call for Secondment

The CASE II Project takes this opportunity to announce a call for secondees to join the Project Team for a six-month period.

Open to aviation security experts from the civil aviation authorities of Partner States in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East, the successful candidate will have the opportunity to contribute to the Project’s work by developing training material and delivering capacity building activities in Partner States with CASE II experts and experts from ECAC Member States.

If you have three years’ experience in aviation security, particularly in the domains of risk

assessment, security auditing, or security equipment inspection, we invite you to find out more on the ‘News’ page of the CASE II website (<https://case2-project.org/news/>). Furthermore, the formal letter containing all relevant details relating to the secondment may be found on the ‘Downloads’ page of the website (<https://case2-project.org/downloads/>).

We look forward to receiving your applications and will be accepting submissions up until 22 April 2024.