



ECAC MEDIUM-TERM OBJECTIVES TASK FORCE

Mid-term review of ECAC work programme and budget, and preparations for next triennium

Videoconference, 18 July — The ECAC Medium-Term Objectives (EMTO) Task Force meeting focused on the mid-term review of the 2022-2024 work programme and the beginning of the process for developing the budget and work programme for 2025-2027. The task force drew a number of lessons from the experience of the current work programme so that they can be taken into account in the 2025-27 triennium, including consistency of approach between the various domains in ECAC's work.

The task force thanked the outgoing chair, Bertrand De Lacombe (France), for his contribution to its work over the last four years. ■



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Preparations for ICAO Conference on Alternative Aviation Fuels pick up pace



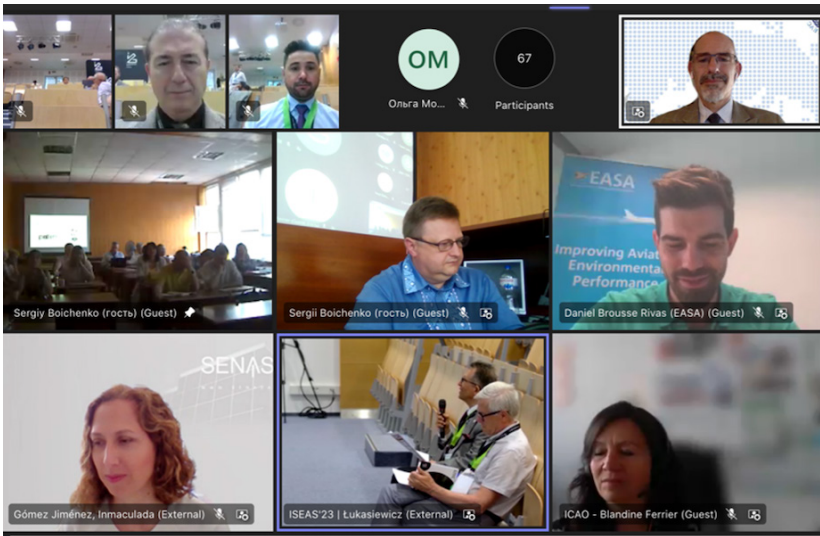
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Videoconference, 21 August — The 62nd meeting of the European Aviation and Environment Working Group (Expanded) focused on the next stages of preparations for the ICAO Conference on Alternative Aviation Fuels (CAAF/3) to be held in Dubai from 20 to 24 November 2023. The strategy for preparations for the conference had been agreed by Directors General at their May meeting this year.

Members of the group reported on developments and agreed to the development of a proposal for a coordinated submission to the preliminary outcomes meeting for CAAF/3, to be held in Montreal in September, to be presented to Directors General for decision at their Special meeting in September.

The group also agreed a proposal for alignment and cooperation of the processes related to the common section for State Action Plans and the European Aviation Environment Report, also to be presented to Directors General for improvement.

Building SAF capacity among Ukraine's scientific community



Kyiv/hybrid, 6 July — A capacity-building activity on sustainable aviation fuels (SAF) targeting Ukraine's scientific community was organised with the support of the ECAC Secretariat through participation in a panel during an academic conference held in Kyiv on 3-7 July 2023: "Theory and Practice of the Use of Traditional and Alternative Fuels and Lubricants".

This conference is a regular feature of Ukraine's Scientific-Technical Union of Chemotologists, which brings together fuel experts in Ukraine. This year's event was jointly organised with the International Symposium on Electric Aviation and Autonomous Systems (ISEAS'23), Lukaszewicz Institute of Aviation (Warsaw, 5-7 July 2023), with parallel hybrid sessions in Kyiv and Warsaw.

A two-hour SAF panel and discussion took place on 6 July, with the cooperation and participation of representatives from the ECAC Secretariat, ICAO, EASA, Spain and Ukraine.

Despite the war in Ukraine, more than 40 scientists were in attendance and another 60 experts followed the panel online.

Accelerating the development and deployment of sustainable aviation fuels in Africa

Addis Ababa, 3-5 July — The ECAC Secretariat gave a presentation at the first African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC) Workshop on Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF), held in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia), on [ECAC's SAF guidance material](#) published in February 2023, and the organisation's current work to support European and other partner States in promoting SAF.

The workshop's three-day programme addressed a broad range of topics. These included the challenges in developing SAF value chains (feedstocks, production and certification, sustainability criteria, etc.), case studies on SAF promotion in Africa, and policy frameworks implemented by various AFCAC partners, including ECAC.

The workshop was organised under the AFCAC Capacity-Building Programme on Acceleration of Development and Deployment of SAF in Africa and supported by the European Union



Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), as well as by the African Union Commission (AUC), the Ethiopian Civil Aviation Authority (ECAA) and Ethiopian Airlines for its organisational aspects.

ECAC participated in discussions with

over 120 participants from 28 African States and nine organisations. ECAC has a long-standing cooperation with AFCAC, which has been strengthened on environmental matters via in particular its Capacity-Building Programme for Environment.

Sustainable aviation fuels tailored training for the Community of Lusophone Aviation Authorities

Lisbon, 14 July — ECAC delivered a training on sustainable aviation fuels (SAF) for the Community of Lusophone Aviation Authorities (CAACL), the civil aviation bodies from Portuguese-speaking countries. Fifty-six experts from Angola, Cape Verde, Equatorial Guinea and Portugal attended, with eight following the workshop online.

The training was based on the ECAC guidance on SAF recommendations and included a stakeholders' SAF policy roundtable discussion. Attention was paid to exploring opportunities for cooperation among the lusophone aviation authorities and States to promote SAF and the development of global supply value-chains.



The activity was organised and hosted by the Portuguese Civil Aviation Authority (ANAC) under the ECAC Capacity-Building Programme for Environment, following the steer of ECAC's Directors

General in May 2023 (DGCA/160) to strengthen support to non-ECAC States to promote SAF, particularly in Africa.

Republic of Moldova receives on-site training on sustainable aviation fuels

Chisinau, 26-27 July — The content and recommendations from the ECAC Guidance on Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF) published in February 2023 were the focus of the fourth tailored SAF training activity provided to an ECAC Member State and hosted on this occasion by the Civil Aviation Authority of the Republic of Moldova.

Ten representatives of various national agencies, airlines, airports and research institutions participated in the training. They examined what SAF are, why they are needed and how they can be produced. The training included a discussion identifying potential opportunities for the country from SAF promotion. The future promotion of a national SAF feasibility study through the creation of a national working group was identified as a possible follow-up action. ■



Highlights from the recent meeting of the ECAC Network on Diversity and Inclusion in civil aviation

Videoconference, 17 July — Recent diversity and inclusion developments in ECAC Member States, and the implementation of the 2023 work programme of the ECAC Network on Diversity and Inclusion in civil aviation (NETD&I) were core issues addressed at the network's fourth meeting in July.

Participants acknowledged the value of sharing case studies and good practices, and the importance of developing guidance material for the benefit of all ECAC Member States. The implementation of the [ECAC Charter on Diversity and Inclusion](#) adopted by Directors General in May 2023

was another key point of discussion. The group in particular recognised the importance of identifying and promoting diversity champions within the administrations of all the ECAC Member States. ■

Auditors discuss outcomes after resumption of the ECAC Audit Programme

Paris/videoconference, 29-30 August — The ECAC Certified Aviation Security Auditors Group met to discuss the outcomes following resumption of the ECAC Aviation Security Audit Programme after the COVID-19 outbreak. The group considered the results of the implementation of the programme in 2022-2023, and discussed trends identified to comply with ECAC Doc 30, Part II – *Security*, and the challenges of restarting the programme. The auditors brainstormed ways to address the challenges and how to promote the programme amongst ECAC's Member States.

As part of their continuous professional development, the auditors reviewed draft Amendment 17 to Doc 30. They discussed its potential implications for the Audit Programme and agreed to update the Auditors' Aide and several other audit tools included in the Auditors' Handbook.



Optimising ECAC's work on security technology



Videoconference, 9 August — The 38th meeting of the Security Programme Management Group explored different options to continue improving and streamlining ECAC's work on security technology, notably the Common Evaluation Process of security equipment (CEP). Proposals to be presented to the next meeting of Directors General in September will include the reallocation of tasks between the different groups, the streamlining of some processes, and the support and increased transparency on the CEP, all for better efficiency. ■

NEWS FROM THE ECAC SECRETARIAT

Secretariat welcomes new trainee



Gökberk Benlialper joined the ECAC Secretariat as a trainee in August 2023. He completed his Bachelor of Science degree in aviation management from Ozyegin University Faculty of Aviation and Aeronautical Sciences in Istanbul, Türkiye.

During his university years, Gökberk was student representative and president of the Civil Aviation Student Club, organising events such as empowering women in aviation, sustainability, the impacts of the COVID-19

pandemic on the industry, and guided airport site visits. As part of his practical experience, Gökberk completed his internship at Istanbul Grand Airport as an airport collaborative decision-making project intern.

Gökberk looks forward to working alongside the qualified experts at ECAC on administrative matters and to contributing to ECAC's objectives and furthering his professional growth in the aviation sector. ■

What's on in September?

6	56 th meeting of the FAL Sub-Group on Immigration (FAL-IMMIGRAT-SG/56), Paris	12-13	59 th meeting of the Guidance Material Task Force (GMTF/59), videoconference
7	72 nd meeting of the FAL Sub-Group on PRM (FAL-PRM-SG/72), Paris	13	68 th meeting of the ECAC Medium-Term Objectives Task Force (EMTO/68), videoconference
7	198 th meeting of the Coordinating Committee (CC/198), Valletta	19	47 th meeting of the Study Group on Cyber Security in Civil Aviation (CYBER/47), videoconference
7-8	54 th meeting of the Training Task Force (TrTF/54), videoconference	21	65 th European Aviation and Environment Working Group (EAEG/65), videoconference
7-9	72 nd annual Special meeting of Directors General (DGCA (SP)/72), Valletta	26-27	5 th Behaviour Detection Study Group Research & Development Workshop (BDSG-R&D WKSHP/5), Paris
8	41 st Plenary Session (ECAC/41), Valletta	27-28	36 th meeting of the Behaviour Detection Study Group (BDSG/36), Paris/hybrid
8	4 th meeting with FAL-PRM experts and FAL-PRM SG (FAL-PRM-EXPERT/4), Paris	28-29	5 th SAF tailored workshop (ENV/SAF-T-WKSHP/5), Banja Luka
11	64 th European Aviation and Environment Working Group (EAEG/64), Paris/hybrid	28-29	5 th meeting of the Network on Diversity and Inclusion in civil aviation (NETD&I/5), Paris

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