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SINGLE EUROPEAN SKY CAA INFORMATION BULLETIN

Work continues within the EU institutions legal services to consider the final text for the legislation amending **Single European Sky (SES II)** and to **extend EASA's competence to the safety of Aerodromes and Air Traffic Management (ATM)**. All signs are that the legislation will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union in the autumn.

As part of work to provide advice and assistance to the Commission in setting up the **SES II Performance scheme**; the Eurocontrol Performance Review Commission (PRC) held a stakeholder workshop on 5 May. The workshop considered the progress of the PRC's study of current local and regional performance planning arrangements and shared initial views about the practical implementation of the SES II performance scheme.

The Commission held a workshop on **Functional Airspace Blocks (FABs)** on 15 May, designed to consider how to take FABs forward given the additional requirements of SES II and the 2012 target for their implementation. Representatives of the nine current FAB initiatives, including the UK/Ireland FAB, attended the workshop and a follow up meeting is planned for November.

NATS and the Irish Aviation Authority (IAA), have published their three-year plan for the UK/Ireland FAB, this is available at http://www.nats.co.uk/article/253/277/uk_ireland_fab_plan_published.html

Following discussion at the last **Single Sky Committee**, Eurocontrol has begun a study of existing State differences to ICAO, related to the scope of the draft **Aeronautical Data Quality IR**. It is expected that this work will result in proposed amendments to the IR to take into account the differences Member States wish to maintain.

Eurocontrol has published its final report on the **Single Aeronautical Information Publication** for the European Upper Information Region. The report makes a number of recommendations on the introduction of a European Aeronautical data repository, but further actions are expected to be considered in light of SES II.

In the **SESAR** project, The Eurocontrol Provisional Council on 7 May agreed the Agency's membership of the SESAR Joint Undertaking (SJU), following a delay due to concerns expressed by some non-EU Member States. This agreement means that the Industry membership of the JU can also now be finalised and, as a result, the JU is expected to launch 16 research and development work packages over the next six months. The SJU has also issued calls on its website for expressions of interest to join its Scientific Community and for seconded experts. It has also issued a tender for the provision of airspace users expertise. More details can be found on the SJU website at http://www.sesarju.eu/public/standard_page/procurement.html.

The next meeting of the Single Sky Committee will be on 29 and 30 June and the next CAA information bulletin is expected to be published in early July.

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