

EUROMED AVIATION PROJECT

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1 - FIRST YEAR ACTIVITIES OVERVIEW

- Start of the Project	15 January 2007
- Technical Meetings	EC/EuropeAid & DG TREN, EASA, EUROCONTROL, ICAO,..
- Project Launch Meeting	3 May 2007 – Brussels
- 6 First Contact Visits	Egypt-Morocco-Palestine-Syria-Tunisia-Turkey
- 8 Survey Missions	One in each MEDA Country except Turkey & Palestine)
- 4 Seminars/Workshops	ATM (Marrakech – 27 & 28 June) Air Transport (Amman – 17 & 18 October) ATM Workshop on Pan-European Functions with Eurocontrol (6 & 7 & 8 November 2007) Safety/Environment with EASA (Cologne – 17 & 18 & 19 December)
- Aviation Website	Operational on 15 May
- Euromed Aviation Info n°1	Issued on October

The Project Launch Meeting was also the 3rd meeting of the Aviation Working Group of the Euro-Mediterranean Transport Forum

The meeting gathered 25 participants including the National Coordinators, the EC representatives, some EU Member States and the Euromed Aviation Core Team

The Participants welcomed the Euromed Aviation Project and engaged themselves in supporting the implementation of its specific objectives and tasks notably:

- ***The establishment of an open, healthy and competitive regional aviation market for the mutual benefit of the Mediterranean partners and the EU;***
- ***The promotion of an improved aviation safety and security in the region as well as the environmental friendliness of air transport in the region;***
- ***The enhancing of regional ATM cooperation and harmonisation;***
- ***The preparation of a Roadmap for the implementation of a Common Aviation Area and the assessment of the benefits for the region***

OBJECTIVES:

- To inform the main national aviation stakeholders of the Project and of its benefits
- To listen to them about their expectations, their requirements and their priorities
- To prepare the survey missions and the future events

COUNTRIES VISITED:

- Morocco and Tunisia by KE1 & KE3
- Egypt & Turkey by KE1
- Palestine by KE2
- Syria by KE3

OBJECTIVE

For each of the 5 Tasks (Market, Safety, Security, Environment and ATM):

- Undertake assessment of the national legislation, regulation and practices**
- Identify strengths and weaknesses**
- Provide as far as possible down-to-earth recommendations for improving and levelling-up to international standards and European regulations**

ORGANISATION

A survey mission is conducted by a team of Short Term Experts (STE) covering the expertise of the 5 tasks and led by a Head of Mission (one of the STEs)

Generic Terms of Reference and a Preparatory Document for the Survey Missions were developed by the Core Team and were the basis for the STE works

ORGANISATION

Every STE has one task assigned and has a national counterpart to work with assigned by the National Coordinator

The Head of Mission and the National Coordinator are responsible of the progress of the mission

Each mission lasts 5 days in each country and the STE manpower is as follows:

Task	Preparation	Travel	Onsite work	Drafting	TOTAL
Market	1	2	3	2	8
Safety	1	2	5	2	10
Security	1	2	5	2	10
Environment	1	2	2	1	6
ATM	1	2	5	2	10
Head of Ms.	1	n/a	3		4

OUTPUTS

For each Task a comprehensive report is produced including: situation assessment, strengths & weaknesses identification, recommendations and actions to undertake.

The Head of Mission drafts a consolidated report with an executive summary.

The six reports after review by the Core Team and approval by the European Commission are sent to the relevant country.

STATUS

Eight Survey Missions have been achieved

No survey mission was organised in Turkey and Palestine

4 - SURVEY MISSIONS

Country	Week	Dates (2007)	Status
Morocco – SM n°1	23	4 – 8 June	Achieved
Egypt – SM n°2	24	10 – 14 June	Achieved
Tunisia – SM n°3	25	18 – 22 June	Achieved
Israël – SM n° 4	27	1 – 5 July	Achieved
Jordan – SM n° 5	29	15 – 19 July	Achieved
Algeria – SM n° 6	43	20 – 24 October	Achieved
Lebanon – SM n°7	46	12 – 16 November	Achieved
Syria – SM n°8	49	2 – 6 December	Achieved (Air Transport Task to be done first term of 2008)

4 - SURVEY MISSIONS

Country	Consolidated Report	Detailed Reports per Task
Morocco	Approved and sent to the NC	Approved and sent to the NC
Egypt	Approved and sent to the NC	Approved and sent to the NC
Tunisia	Approved and sent to the NC	Approved and sent to the NC
Israel	Approved and sent to the NC	Approved and sent to the NC
Jordan	Approved and sent to the NC	Approved and sent to the NC
Algeria	Drafted and under approval	Drafted and under approval
Lebanon	Drafted under review by the Core Team	Drafted under review by the Core Team
Syria	Not totally drafted	Not totally drafted

MAIN RESULTS (1)

The Countries experts have shown great interest & participation in the survey missions.

Air traffic exchanges are still largely governed by traditional bilateral air services agreements with EU countries and between the MEDA countries themselves.

An open market policy has started in some countries and must be extended to others

The ICAO safety & security audits were not available to Euromed Experts despite an official request from the Project further to the Project Launch meeting

The regulatory frameworks levels significantly vary from one country to another

All Countries are globally conformed with ICAO Annexes (1, 6, 8 and 17). The existing discrepancies seem not all reported.

Some Countries are going beyond ICAO and have already started implementing EU regulations (Part 145, PART 66, Part 147, EU OPS, ..).

MAIN RESULTS (2)

Security standards are depending on geopolitical environment. Some countries seem to be beyond European regulations, others largely below.

ATM Safety Management Systems are at early stages or not implemented. Significant discrepancies with European Regulations (ESARRS) exist

Lack of aviation environmental regulations and noise & gas emissions monitoring equipment within and around airports

All the civil aviation administrations lack of manpower and financial resources which prevent them to efficiently discharge their oversight responsibilities vis-à-vis ANSPs, Airlines & Airports.

Separation of regulatory and services provider functions is not much implemented

Cooperation and dialogue between MEDA countries is insufficient

For 4 tasks of the Project a seminar has been organised to:

- Present the EU policies in aviation**
- Identify the main aviation issues in the MEDA region**
- Define lines of action for improvement in the region**
- Provide inputs to the relevant Task of the Project**
- Establish first contact networks of experts & officials for further discussions and collaboration**

Methodology:

- Presentation by European and MEDA Experts**
- Works in Sub-Groups**
- Adoption of agreed conclusions in plenary sessions**

Task	Dates	Place	Remarks
Air Traffic Management	27-28 June 2007	Marrakech	Achieved
Air Transport	17-18 October 2007	Amman	Achieved
ATM - Pan European Functions	6-7-8 November 2007	Brussels	Achieved (with Eurocontrol)
Safety/Environment	17 - 18 - 19 December 2007	Cologne	Achieved (with EASA)
Security	20 - 21 February.2008	Paris	In cooperation with ECAC

MAIN CONCLUSIONS

Air Transport – Amman – 17/18 October 2007

Participants:

38 personnes including the Minister of Transport of Jordan, the Head of the EU Delegation in Jordan, The EC, International Organisations and the Project Team.

Seven countries were present: Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine Authority and Tunisia

The Market is rising between the EU & the MEDA countries with a strong tourism component and potential for further growth.

Market between MEDA countries is limited and hampered by regulatory and infrastructure constraints. However the potential for further growth is huge.

The liberalisation of Air Transport is considered to be the way to unlock the potential of both markets and should not compromise the application of the highest possible standards in matters of safety, security and environment.

In this process of markets development, conclusion of Euromediterranean aviation agreements in accordance with the Barcelona Process can be an efficient tool

Technical assistance from the EU is essential

Expectations from Euromed Aviation is

- produce a road map for the Common Aviation Area,***
- promote a network of air transport regional experts,***
- disseminate aviation “acquis communautaires” and share the experience gained in the region,***
- organise a seminar dedicated to airlines for marketing opening preparation.***

MAIN CONCLUSIONS

COLOGNE – 17 & 18 December 2007

Participants: 56 personnes including the EC, EASA, International Organisations and the Project Team

Eight countries were present: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Morocco, Syria and Tunisia

The Safety situation in the MEDA States is considered satisfactory as they are compliant with ICAO SARPs even if the safety standards are not equal from one country to another.

The main issues encountered in the Region are:

- Insufficient empowerment of the civil aviation authorities***
- Shortage of human resources in these authorities***
- Low level of cooperation between MEDA States***

Globally, the improvement requires:

- Financial and technical reinforcement of authorities backed by a political will***
- Increase of number of appropriate trainers and trained inspectors***
- Implementation of coordination mechanism between the MEDA States.***
- Increase cooperation with the European Community (EC, EU member States, EASA, Euromed Aviation Project)***

Some countries have already started converging their regulatory framework with the EU aviation regulations.

Others recognize that EU regulations may be a solution and express their interest to do so.

Others consider it is too premature for the moment to take such a decision in absence of an impact assessment.

The expectations from the Euromed Aviation Project are:

- Provide mechanisms (Workshops, Forum, ..) for sharing experience and enhancing cooperation between the MEDA States at regional and sub-regional levels.***
- Provide mechanisms for sharing experience between the European Community and MEDA States***
- Define and implement training & technical assistance tailored to the specific needs of each country within the Euromed Project budgetary constraints.***
- Make an impact assessment of the convergence and non convergence of the Mediterranean Countries with EU aviation safety regulations.***

MAIN CONCLUSIONS

COLOGNE – 19 December 2007

Participants: 56 personnes including the EC, EASA, International Organisations and the Project Team

Eight countries were present: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Morocco, Syria and Tunisia

Some EU Member States did not follow at all times an optimized approach in the field of aviation environmental management. The Mediterranean States should undertake early actions so as to avoid the same mistakes. Support from the European Community experience is desirable in this matter.

In airports development, attention should be paid to all four elements of the ICAO Balanced Approach for noise. To prevent conflicts in the development phase, land use planning around airports has to be taken into consideration.

As regards noise management, there is not a unique solution that fits all issues. The Balanced Approach has to be implemented on an airport-by-airport basis.

Environmental certification rulemaking in the EU (EASA) as of today is directly related to the provisions of Annex 16 to the Chicago Convention. There might be a need in the future to modify this approach and to go beyond.

The databases developed by EASA with noise characteristics of different types of aircraft are publicly accessible and may be used by the MEDA countries.

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- Define and implement training & technical assistance tailored to the specific needs of each country within the Euromed Project budgetary constraints.***

MAIN CONCLUSIONS

1st ATM Workshop - Marrakech – 27/28 June 2007

Participants: 39 personnes including the EC, International Organisations (AACO, ACAC, AEFMP, Blue Med, EMAC, EUROCONTROL, ICAO, ...) and the Project Team

Seven countries were present: Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey

Make progress with Eurocontrol, IATA and ICAO for RVSM harmonisation in the Region

Implement various training for harmonising professional competences of ATC Personnel in the Region

Launch in each country technical assistance and study specific project (as twinning) to reinforce National Administrations

Improve information, coordination, and training in SES/SESAR activities

Integrate the MEDA Countries into the CFMU and EAD of Eurocontrol

Invite MEDA countries to conclude bilateral route charge agreements with Eurocontrol

Establish a network of MEDA ATM Experts for ATM integration and harmonisation in the Common Aviation Area and Put in place sustainable and dynamic mechanisms of cooperation and coordination among the MEDA Countries.

Note the usefulness of AEFMP, Blue Med and EMAC and Ask the Euromed Aviation Project to support these initiatives. In Particular to establish for EMAC an action plan (Activities and funding)

Recognise the need of technical and operational coordination with Libya to implement a uniform airspace

Recommend to hold a second ATM workshop in June 2008

MAIN CONCLUSIONS

**2nd ATM Workshop – Brussels – 6/7/8 November 2007 with Eurocontrol:
“Pan-European Functions”**

**Participants: 45 personnes including the EC, EUROCONTROL, and the Project
Team**

**Eight countries were present: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco,
Syria and Tunisia.**

One day was dedicated to each of 3 functions: CFMU, EAD and CRCO

***The meeting recognised the benefits and the usefulness of the services offered by
these 3 “Pan-European Functions after having been made aware of.***

The Countries are invited to attend the CFMU regional meetings and the EAD users' day

The Countries are encouraged to apply for a three month trial period with EAS as an initiation to the Operation

The Euromed Aviation Project and Eurocontrol are ready to provide the Countries at their request, with information and follow up assistance in the process of their potential integration into these “Pan-European Functions”

The MEDA Countries are kindly invited to provide, within a period of three months, if possible, the Euromed Aviation Project with a feed back on a possible intention of participating in the “Pan-European Functions”

The Euromed Aviation website:

www.euromedtransport.org/aviation

was established operational on 15 May 2007

It is used as the main communication means with all aviation stakeholders in the Euromediterranean region.

The welcome page indicates the upcoming events and the last past events.

For each seminar, are posted:

- Prior to the event: Content, Objectives, Agenda, expected Participation and Logistics**
- After the event: Presentations, Attendance list, Minutes, Conclusions and Photographs**

New functionalities are planned to be implemented:

- **A discussion forum, that will serve as the base for establishing specific group discussions on important topics moderated by the Core Team**
- **An on-line pre-inscription module for training courses and sessions**
- **The split of the “Events & Training” into two independent pages**
- **A statistics analysis tool that will allow to follow up the use of the Aviation section**

The first News Letter “EUROMED AVIATION INFO” was issued on October 2007 both in English and French

This 4 pages leaflet includes:

- An editorial signed by the Core Team**
- An interview of Mr Jacques Barrot – Vice President of the European Commission in charge of Transports**
- Information on the Project (National Coordinators, Project background, Survey Missions, Advisory Group, ..)**
- Future Seminars**

300 hard copies in English and 300 in French were distributed by mail and during the survey missions and seminars.

An e-mailing was also done and the English and French versions have been posted on the Euromed Aviation website as well

The second News Letter “EUROMED AVIATION INFO” is planned to be issued on April 2008 both in English and French

The structure of the leaflet should be the same:

- An editorial of the Core Team**
- An Interview of a well-known aviation figure**
- Information on the Project (Past seminars, Advisory Group results, Action plan, ...)**
- Upcoming events (training sessions and seminars)**

The distribution (mail, e-mail, website posting, during events) will remain the same.

Thank you.

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