

1st MEDA JAA WORKSHOP

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CONCLUSIONS

The Participants in the First MEDA JAA Workshop, which took place in Amman on 7 April 2010, have reached the following conclusions after having been presented the proposals of the Euromed Aviation Project for establishing Joint Mediterranean Aviation Authorities (JMAA) – 2 draft documents sent on 8 March 2010.

- There is a consensus on the interest of such an organisation and all present countries have agreed to continue working on its establishment.
- The institutional structure (administrative arrangements between national regulators) is supported, but all insist on the need for a strong link between the future organisation and the European Union. Deep support and involvement of the European Commission and the European Aviation Safety Agency are felt essential to the success and duration of the JMAA. Some consider in particular that EASA should be directly involved in the Rule Making and Standardisation processes besides national expertise.
- While the proposed scope is accepted, the participants recommend starting with Airworthiness, Air Operations and Personnel Licensing. Some suggested possible extensions to Accident/Incident Investigation, Search and Rescue, Meteorology, Telecoms
- The light organisation (Board and Secretariat) is considered acceptable but more details are required on the way how the system will work (Board membership, chairmanship, rules of procedure, secretary appointment ...). The decision making process needs further discussion.
- The suggestions made for the functioning of the JMAA seem also acceptable although further consideration shall be given to the funding provisions, based on budget assumptions provided by the Project Team. Moreover, deciding on a host country will be a major step in the establishment of the JMAA.
- The limitation of JMAA membership to the Mediterranean Partners Countries was acknowledged.

It was agreed that the Euromed Aviation Project Team will review the proposed arrangements on the basis of the comments made during the 7 April Workshop and further written input provided by participants before the end of April.

The intention of the Project Team is to send its revised proposals before the end of May 2010 and to organise a second JMAA workshop, subject to the approval of the European Commission, in June 2010 so that first results may be presented in the Euro-Mediterranean Transport Ministers Conference scheduled in July 2010.

It was agreed that the objective should be the signing of the JMAA arrangements at the November 2010 meeting of the Aviation Working Group of the Euro-Mediterranean Transport Forum (acting also as the Advisory Group of the Project). One participant has indicated that his country may wait for signing the arrangement that its Euro-Mediterranean Aviation Agreement with the European Union is concluded.