

EUROMED AVIATION PROJECT

MEDA JAA

Introduction

Through training courses, technical assistance & workshops/seminars and with a close communication & coordination with Mediterranean partner countries & International Organisations, the Euromed Aviation Project has successfully:

- promoted the approximation of aviation policy & regulatory framework with International & EU regulations
- promoted the regional and sub-regional cooperation
- produced a **Road Map** for the implementation of the Euro-Mediterranean Common Aviation Area (EMCAA) with a dedicated **Action Plan** for each country
- produced an **Impact Assessment** of the EMCAA creation

1. The ultimate objective of the **Road Map** is to implement the Euro-Mediterranean Common Aviation Area (EMCAA) as decided by the Euro-Mediterranean Transport Ministers in Marrakech (December 2005)
2. The result will be the creation of a common market between the EU and the Mediterranean partner countries with harmonised operational rules:
 - Full market opening in terms of access, capacity and fares (excluding domestic market)
 - Alignment with European legislation on aviation safety, security, environment and Air Traffic Management

The two-step proposed Strategy

1- The conclusion between now and 2015 of:

- bilateral Euro Mediterranean Aviation Agreements between the EU and the beneficiary countries ensuring the opening up of air transport market between the Parties and the convergence of the regulatory systems in all domains of civil aviation;
- bilateral air services agreements between the beneficiary countries ensuring the opening up of air transport market.

So far, only Morocco has signed this agreement (2006) and Jordan has paraphed it in March 2010

EC has the mandate to negotiate with 4 Mediterranean countries (DZ, IL, LB, TN)

The two-step proposed Strategy

2- The conclusion in the future – beyond 2015 - of a multilateral aviation agreement between the EU and all Mediterranean partner countries ensuring mutual recognition of the regulatory systems, which will be based on the above bilateral agreements.

This multilateral agreement will supersede bilateral agreements and come into force country by country through individual protocols, which shall specify the necessary conditions.

The Aviation Working Group of the Euro-Mediterranean Transport Forum (acting also as the Project Advisory Group) has adopted a declaration in Brussels on 24 November 2009 which states that the Group:

- Agrees with the **Road Map** for the Implementation of the Euro-Mediterranean Common Aviation Area (EMCAA), which has been elaborated by the Euromed Aviation Project in cooperation with the beneficiary Mediterranean Partners, the European Commission and International Organisations: ACAC, EASA, ECAC & ICAO
- Proposes a political endorsement of the **Declaration** at the occasion of the Euro-Mediterranean Transport Ministerial Conference to be held mid 2010
- Considers essential that the implementation of the **Road Map** starts as soon as possible, and will coordinate and ensure a follow up

The Follow Up of the Euromed Aviation Project is ensured in 2 ways:

1- A one year **extension** of the Project in 2010 with the remaining funds and with the main objective to help the countries to start implementing their action plan

2 – A new Project (**Euromed Aviation II**) which is in preparation and will take over end 2010 or early 2011 for another 3 years

The activities of the one year extension are to:

- deliver **on site technical assistance** to the Countries for implementing in 2010 one or two high level objectives of the Road Map
- promote the creation of **Mediterranean Joint Aviation Authorities** based on the European JAA model with the objective to develop a common regulatory culture between the Countries
- analyse in detail the **financial sources** to fund the costs of the Road Map (looking at both public & private funds) and tailor the solutions to each country
- promote the **benefits of the EMCAA** within the Aviation Community and to the decision makers at the highest level to secure their supports and endorsement of the EMCAA

The **MEDA JAA** (SAF-ORG02) is one of the 60 High Level Objectives defined in the Road Map for the implementation of the Euro-Mediterranean Common Aviation Area (EMCAA)

The purpose of the today workshop is to:

- to discuss the objectives, the scope of cooperation, the functioning and the organisation of **Mediterranean Joint Aviation Authorities**
- to agree to continue or not the discussions for establishing such a MEDA JAA
- If yes, to agree on the way forward
- and to agree on final common conclusions

QUESTIONS?

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