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CANSO Europe is the voice of the European air traffic management (ATM) industry. CANSO provides a platform to respond to challenges for ATM and create an environment for air navigation services providers (ANSPs) to enhance performance through collaboration. CANSO Europe's membership is comprised of 36 member ANSPs.



CANSO's objectives in Europe are to:

Advocate for an evolution towards performance-based regulation which enables CANSO members to choose the means by which they deliver required performance. CANSO promotes a regulatory regime that is designed to harmonise, create the right incentives to support change and innovation, and reward early movers. ANSPs should continue to play a key role in the future aviation system and be given a fair chance to contribute to, and succeed in, this change process.

Contribute to the development and implementation of European legislation and the supporting European institutional framework to ensure a sustainable air transport business. CANSO promotes an institutional and regulatory framework that empowers ANSPs to embrace new and potentially disruptive technologies, be more competitive and provide a cost-effective service to their customers.

Promote modernisation and standardisation of the ATM industry. CANSO is committed to ensure a new, modernised approach to airspace management and to secure an integral role of ANSPs in the emerging traffic management market. CANSO advocates for the accelerated deployment of new technologies and calls for adequate public funding and incentive schemes to underpin this. CANSO supports a modular, standardised, cloud-based service-oriented architecture that favours digitalisation and other innovative concepts while ensuring interoperability in operations, airspace and technologies. Moreover, CANSO supports a stronger network-oriented approach towards the management of air traffic across Europe to deliver the capacity needs of all operational stakeholders. CANSO also calls for modernised training and licensing to reflect the changing role of the human in ATM and to maximise the benefits of new technologies.

CANSO Europe leads CANSO's policy and lobbying engagement with European Union bodies (Commission, Parliament, Council), EUROCONTROL, the EU Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), SESAR Joint Undertaking and the SESAR Deployment Manager, as well as to the European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC) and the European and North Atlantic (EUR/NAT) Office of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO); and coordinates ANSP best practice in the region. CANSO Europe also develops joint industry positions with other stakeholder associations when appropriate.

Europe CANSO CEO Committee

The EC3 governs and directs CANSO's work in Europe, within the framework of CANSO's global policies and positions. EC3's key objective is to focus CANSO's influence in the development of the Single European Sky and its impact within and outside the EU. EC3 is supported by the CANSO Europe Secretariat and a number of subsidiary groups and task forces, dealing with a wide range of issues and in liaison with the Europe branches of the other industry associations.

CANSO Europe COO Forum

The COO Forum allows the COOs of CANSO Europe members to exchange information on operational challenges and develop positions aimed at stakeholders such as the Network Manager, European Commission, EASA and airlines.

Strategical Political Group

In line with the priorities set by the EC3, the SPG develops policies and actions on matters of strategic interest to CANSO's Europe members. SPG deals with issues such as implementing the Single European Sky; the work of SESAR, EASA, and EUROCONTROL; and ATM Social Dialogue.

CANSO Europe Safety Directors Group

CESAF allows the Safety Directors of CANSO Europe members to exchange information, take actions and develop positions on safety matters of common interest.



Performance and Financial Group

The PFG works on topics related to the EU Performance and Charging Regulation. It is responsible for preparing CANSO's inputs to the European Commission and the Performance Review Body on the setting of performance targets under the EU Performance Scheme and CANSO's long-term vision and conceptual model for the performance framework.

CANSO Europe Task Forces

Task Forces are established to work on specific topics decided by SPG, based on the strategic objectives of the Europe Region and the related work plan for each year.

EUROCONTROL/Network Manager Task Force

The EN TF works on strategic topics related to EUROCONTROL and the Network Manager, including proposals for what CANSO would like to see in the future, as well as supports appropriate external engagement.

Technology & Digital Task Force

The TeDi TF addresses strategic developments related to ATM technologies and digitalisation. It is an important forum where CANSO members can discuss important technological initiatives - European-wide roadmaps, plans, regulatory and standardisation activities, ICAO developments - and when needed create CANSO positions on specific topics.

EASA Task Force

The EASA TF acts as a primary CANSO interface on any relevant development coming from EASA, ensuring that CANSO members are well informed and that their views are properly conveyed and reflected in EASA's rulemaking activities on elements of relevance to the ANSPs.

Cyber Security Task Force

The Cybersecurity TF works to strengthen the cybersecurity resilience by exchanging best practices, discussing challenges and sharing information among ANSPs. Its activities also aim at influencing the European regulatory/oversight framework in the field of information security, ensuring that it provides clarity and simplicity of requirements which can be satisfied in a pragmatic way.



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UAS/UTM Task Force

The UAS/UTM TF works on the safe and efficient integration of the wide range of vehicles that are – or soon will be – taking the sky, including air taxis, drones, electric aircraft, space and supersonic flights. The TF also promotes the role of ANSPs to deliver U-space in Europe, supports the harmonised implementation of the U-Space regulatory framework and steers its future evolution.

Ad hoc Expert Groups

Furthermore, the SPG can establish ad hoc expert groups to support the CANSO Secretariat on topical issues. Currently there are expert groups on Social Dialogue, Environment, SESAR, CNS, ATCO IR and Normal Operations Monitoring (NOM).

Membership

Membership will evolve as determined by CANSO members to ensure the continued leadership, voice and relevance of CANSO in the changing landscape of the ATM industry.



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