



# **Exchange of Letters**

### Between CANSO European Safety Directors and the EUROCONTROL Safety Team

#### INTRODUCTION

The CANSO European Safety Directors group ("**CESAF**") works under the guidance and instructions of the European CANSO CEO Committee (EC3) for the development of policies and actions on safety matters of strategic interest for the European members of CANSO.

The EUROCONTROL Safety Team is a technical, operational, specialist advisory body, established within the framework of EUROCONTROL, providing a direct channel of consultation between all stakeholders involved in activities pertaining to performance and delivery aspects under the tactical (technical) development/deployment level, for the Safety area. The purpose of the EUROCONTROL Safety Team is to drive safety improvement in the provision of Air Navigation Services in the ECAC States.

CESAF has had a very productive working relationship with the EUROCONTROL Safety Team for over 10 years, and both parties wish to continue working and strengthening their cooperation in the same spirit.

The EUROCONTROL Safety Team is part of a pan-European civil-military institution and CESAF represents the interests of the air navigation service providers ("ANSPs") and takes (strategic) action to support their best interests. These different roles may have different priorities; however, it is believed that this brings a healthy tension to the relationship between the two groups.

#### **GOAL OF THE COOPERATION**

The EUROCONTROL Safety Team and CESAF intend to work in mutual support of the safety of the European aviation community and highlight their intention to cooperate.

#### SCOPE AND FORMS OF COOPERATION

The cooperation between CESAF and the EUROCONTROL Safety Team may comprise various types of activities, including but not limited to:

- a) exchanging safety information;
- b) sharing expertise and best practices;
- c) cross-participation in working groups, where appropriate and in accordance with the respective rules of procedure of each other's organisation;
- d) increasing efficiency by ensuring that the EUROCONTROL Safety Team and CESAF aim at a coordinated work plan to reduce duplication of effort;
- e) developing joint positions and/or recommendations;
- f) coordinated messaging to third parties, including (but not limited to) regulatory and legislative authorities, vendors and the media.





## **IMPLEMENTATION**

The Chair Teams of CESAF and the EUROCONTROL Safety Team will ensure regular coordination on ongoing and new or proposed activities.

A twice-yearly meeting will be organised between the Chair Teams to review the status of the cooperation under this Exchange of Letters and the ongoing work.

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