

NAV Portugal celebrates FPD service certification anniversary

NAV Portugal celebrates today the first anniversary of its most recent air navigation service: the FPD (Flight Procedure Design) service.

This service, certified and developed by the Airspace and Procedure Design Department, is responsible for the restructure and modernization of the Portuguese airspace, in line with ICAO's and European Commission's strategic orientations, improving safety, efficiency, sustainability and the constant innovation of the air navigation system.

2022 – The first year of this certified service was a success, achieving the expectations made by its certification.

Amongst the most prominent projects at a national level, we highlight the new procedures based on satellite, for all airports within Lisboa FIR (Flight Information Region) and within Santa Maria FIR, Flores, Santa Maria and Graciosa Airports. Ongoing projects include new procedures for Ponta Delgada, Pico, Corvo, Horta and São Jorge Airports, in collaboration with SATA Açores.

On an international level, the FPD Service collaborated with ENNA Angola regarding procedures review for the International Airport 4 de Fevereiro in Luanda. This project was praised by ENNA Angola Administration, a significant boost for NAV Portugal's international image.

In 2023 the FPD Service will face new challenges that will be determinant for the company's consolidation in this field, regarding studies for the future Lisboa's Airport, the restructure of Açores airspace, reorganization of Santa Maria terminal airspace (TMA), arrival and departure routes reorganization in line with the new ATM system - TOPSKY, and the international project with Spain to develop a cross-border free-route concept between both countries.

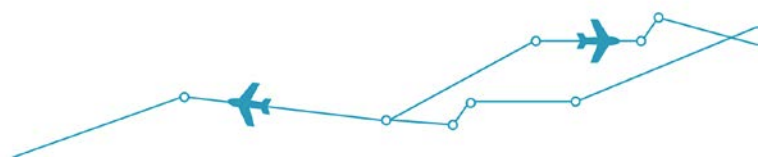
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About NAV Portugal:

NAV Portugal's mission is to provide air navigation services in Portuguese airspace, divided into two FIR (Flight Information Regions): Lisbon FIR, covering the entire area of mainland Portugal and the Archipelago of Madeira; and the Santa Maria FIR, covering the Azores archipelago and a wide area of the North Atlantic Ocean.

NAV has an Air Traffic Control Center in Lisbon and an Oceanic Air Traffic Control Center in Santa Maria, and Control Towers at the airports of Lisbon, Porto, Faro, Funchal, Porto Santo, Santa Maria, Ponta Delgada, Horta e Flores and Cascais aerodrome. NAV Portugal has a team of around 1,000 highly qualified technicians who ensure the safety of passengers and aircraft 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

