

CANSO Europe CEOs meet with new Director-General of EUROCONTROL

Brussels, 23 February 2023 – Today CANSO Europe’s EC3 (CEO Committee) met for the first time with the new Director-General of EUROCONTROL, Raúl Medina, at the CANSO Europe office in Brussels. The meeting provided the opportunity to discuss key issues facing the air traffic management (ATM) industry at an important time as traffic levels recover towards pre-COVID levels.



Jan Klas (ANS Czech Republic); Anita Oleksiak (PANSAs); Johan Decuyper (skeyes); Franc Zelko Zupanic (Slovenia Control); Predrag Jovanović (SMATSA); Raúl Medina (EURCONTROL DG) Valerie Hackl (Austro Control); Michiel van Dorst (LVNL); Simon Hocquard (CANSO DG); Claudio Clori (ANA Luxemburg)

European air traffic today is confronted with a wide range of issues. In addition to the immediate operational pressures created by the war in Ukraine, the sector needs to manage the transition to green aviation while at the same time taking advantage of new technologies. Meeting participants discussed how to work together to address these shared issues for the benefit of the whole European network.

Michiel van Dorst, Chair of EC3, said: “CANSO Europe’s members are keen to work with EUROCONTROL to continue to support the safe, secure, and sustainable recovery of aviation and to provide the services needed by our customers, the airlines. We hope that today’s exchange will lay the basis for a fruitful relationship between CANSO and the new EUROCONTROL Director-General.”



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EUROCONTROL Director General Raúl Medina said “EUROCONTROL has a firm commitment to working with all our partners to address the very real challenges we face. Not only are we trying to recover from the pandemic, but we also we have to face the impacts of the devastating war in Ukraine. And at the same time, we need to look forward, to make progress in decarbonizing aviation and embracing digitalization. I am firmly convinced that if we are to move to the next level, we will need to work ever more closely with all our stakeholders both on the civil and military sides so that in partnership we can address our common issues.”

About CANSO

CANSO – the Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation – is the global voice of the air traffic management (ATM) industry and is shaping our future skies. Our members support over 90% of the world’s air traffic and include air navigation service providers, airspace users and operators, manufacturers and aviation industry suppliers. We raise the bar on global ATM performance by connecting the industry to share knowledge, expertise and innovation.

About EUROCONTROL

EUROCONTROL is a pan-European, civil-military organisation dedicated to supporting European aviation. As Europe’s Network Manager, we play a central coordination role, using our technical expertise to support Member States and a wide range of stakeholders (air navigation service providers, civil and military airspace users, airports and aircraft/equipment manufacturers). We strive to make European aviation safe, efficient, scalable, cost-effective and environmentally sustainable, partnering with the European Union to make the Single European Sky a reality. EUROCONTROL has 41 Member States: Albania, Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. EUROCONTROL has Comprehensive Agreements with Morocco and Israel.

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