

REPORT ICAO EUR/NAT Regional office 2026

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SUMMARY

IFATCA representation in EASPG and NATSPG meetings, where major regional issues and decisions are made, participation to ICAO workshops (GNSS RFI and Remote Towers) and task Forces (LPRI) including the importance of cooperation with IFALPA in presenting joint position papers.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. This report covers the meetings we are following held under the ICAO Paris Regional office, mainly EASPG. (European Aviation Systems Planning Group) NATSPG (North Atlantic Systems Planning Group) and NATPOG (North Atlantic Procedures and Operations Group)
- 1.2. The 2 most important meetings in the Region are the EASPG and the NATSPG (both once a year) which we regularly attend since many years and are always held in Paris. The NATPOG we try to attend when we can find a local Rep as these meetings rotate from location to location and we depend on a local controller attending to limit budget costs We unfortunately could not attend the POG meetings in 2025.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 **EASPG** covers 56 States (45 purely European and 11 peripheral) including Russia and Belarus, this is the place where non-Eurocontrol and non-EU states can meet and discuss the Region's issues. **Our rep there is, Philippe Domogala** We always sit together with the IFALPA Reps and try to have positions during meeting

Subjects covered in 2025 included:

GNSS radio frequencies interferences

Space transport operations

RVSM aircraft filing « W » despite not being RVSM approved

Frequency spectrum protection

New FF-ICE digital Flight plan

AFIS Joint IATA-IFALPA-IFATCA request for standardization AFIS in Europe

2.2. **NATSPG** deals with issue specific to the North Atlantic, so involving Ireland, UK, Iceland, Portugal, Norway France, Denmark (incl. Greenland) Canada and the USA, our Rep there is, **Bjarki Kristjansson (Iceland)**

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Subjects discussed in 2025 included:

Oceanic Clearance removal issue

Removal of MNPS (minimum navigation performance specifications)

New Entrants -commercial Space operations

Datalink issues

GNSS interferences

New ACC for Greenland

Drones' integration

2.4. IFATCA now pools its participation with IFALPA, we seat besides one another at the meetings, make often joint interventions which are now always regarded with respect. We also issue joint IFATCA-IFALPA positions papers, after the 3 last we did in 2025 (GNSS interference, Timely Issuance of Accident reports, and Activists disrupting operations at airports).

In early 2026 we did another 3 on Cyber threats, one on use on MANPADS and another on Levels of threats, all published, we are still working on the administrative fines given by some EUR states to pilots after Radio failures.

We were invited to the ICAO EUR/MID workshop on GNSS Jamming and spoofing in Doha, Qatar (18-19 Nov 2025), due to a conflicting meeting I could not attend and Frederic Deleau, as EVPEUR, attended and made a presentation on behalf IFATCA. It was very well received.

2.5. We were invited to participate to 2 ICAO EUR activities starting in first half of 2026: Participation and making a presentation in an ICAO EUR workshop on Remote TWR and ACC Operations in Chisinau, Moldova (24 April 2026).

Despite the conflicting dates with our own IFATCA Conference, **Katariina Syvays** as Chair of our Digital ATS task force accepted to attend and will make the presentation.

The other was a specific request for IFATCA to be a member of the Language proficiency Requirement Implementation (LPRI), an ICAO EUR Task force their next meeting, will be in Paris at the ICAO office (20-22 May) and IFATCA accepted and will be represented by **Natasha Mijat Krstevska** from North Macedonia and **Patricia Gera** from Portugal.

3. CONCLUSION

3.1. Representation in ICAO EUR/NAT is very important and Benjamin Fintcher, as new EVP EUR has indicated he would like to possibly be getting more involved in Regional ICAO activities. it is worth continuing to invest in our representation at ICAO Paris

It is recommended to accept this paper as information.