

Report ICAO Europe and North Atlantic Regional Office EURNAT (Paris)

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SUMMARY

Explaining the work IFATCA does in the ICAO European and North Atlantic office in Paris , and the increasing cooperation with IFALPA in presenting joint working papers and safety bulletins.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The ICAO EUR/NAT meetings are covered by the EUR region support Team and we are actively attending some of their meetings since the 1980s..

2. DISCUSSION

- 2.1. , Since a couple of years we are more actively cooperating with IFALPA , in making joint Statements and joint Working papers as the Chairs of both IFALPA ATS and SEC committees are also attending the same meeting and we always sit together. That works very well and should be supported by our respective EBs and could (should) be used as a blueprint for the other Regions with their respective ICAO regional offices meetings.
- 2.2. The main meeting we attend is **the EASPG :(European Region Aviation System Planning Group.)** The meetings are 3 or 4 days once a year always in the Paris EURNAT office. There are high level discussions where the many problems of the Region are debated. The EURNAT region is 44 States, includes Russia. IFATCA is represented since 1991 in EASPG by Philippe Domogala who also acts as coordinator between the EUR office and the IFATCA EUR Region.
- 2.3. IFATCA and IFALPA prepared and presented joint Working papers in the EASPG meetings ,such as a WP on Prosecution controllers after incidents following the 4 Swiss prosecutions and trials , another one on GNSS interferences and flying into conflict Zones, (in 2022) followed by a joint safety bulletin on GPS jamming and spoofing . Recently (February 2024) we did another joint safety bulletin on unlawful VHF interferences in Somalia Airspace.
- 2.4. We also attend the **NATSPG (North Atlantic Systems Planning Group)** The meetings are normally 3 days , also once a year , also generally in Paris office and Silja Johnsdóttir from our Iceland MA is representing us there ,

2.6 The **NAT POG (North Atlantic Procedures and Operations Group)** is another group IFATCA follows and is essential for our colleagues working Oceanic . Ger Leyden from our Irish MA is representing IFATCA in the POG.

2.7 We also attend ad hoc meetings upon request For instance, recently the ICAO EUR/NAT Office decided to task the **European Regional Working Group on Aerodrome Operations (RWGAO)** to look into ways to increase ground handling safety in the EUR region A meeting is planned in April 2024 in Dublin, the Chairman specifically asked IFATCA to participate and make operational input, and Kevin Meskell of our Irish MA will represent IFATCA at this meeting ,

3. CONCLUSION

3.1. Relations between the ICAO EUR office and IFATCA are excellent and we are often asked our opinion, together with IFALPA and basically we are the only operational people in the room .

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1. For information

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