



Press Release

Six Countries to Conduct a Feasibility Study of a Functional Airspace Block – FAB Europe Central

Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, and Switzerland are joining to conduct a feasibility study with the aim of creating a common Functional Airspace Block (FAB) for the core area of Europe. The development of FABs is one of the objectives of the “Single European Sky” initiative of the European Commission, which requires States to design their airspace such that they are no longer constrained by national boundaries, to meet the needs of fast growing air traffic. The study will include both the upper and lower airspace in the six States and will take into account the Fab feasibility project work already started by Belgium, Germany, The Netherlands and Luxembourg and the previous work undertaken for the Franco-Swiss FAB, concluded in July 2006.

The project will involve close cooperation between States, the Military, Air Navigation Service Providers and Eurocontrol. All the partners are represented in the High Level Policy Group which will oversee the project.

The results of the feasibility study “FAB Europe Central” are expected in the beginning of 2008. It will examine the potential contribution of the FAB to improving safety, capacity and cost – effective performance through closer cooperation between Air Navigation Service Providers. The legal and institutional aspects of joint airspace management and relationships with neighbouring States and FABs will be addressed.

This joint initiative will undoubtedly be a major contribution to the building of the Single Sky in Europe.

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