

EUACA/93 March 2019

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Wednesday 20 March and Thursday 21 March.
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Attendees:

Katriina Ahlroth
Isabel Cysneiros
Martin Dalmás
Peter Dellenbach
Carlo Frasca
Wolfgang Gallistl – Treasurer
Elektra Hatsaki
Eric Herbane
Frank Holton
Didier Hocq – Vice Chair
Alexandra Joaquim
Peter Kirth
René Maysokolua
Mate Melvan
Ignacio Monasterio
Anders Nordfalk
Martin Petras
Edmond Rose
Michal Simacek
Radek Svatos
Dimitar Tcholacov
Doros Theodorou
Dimitrios Tsoukalas
Bart Van der Elst
Erzsébet Veresné Baksa
Fred Andreas Wister – Chair

Apologies:

Birgit Krenzin – Vice Chair
Nadio Di Rienzo

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AGENDA

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- 1. Welcome and Approval of Agenda, Designation of Meeting Secretary**
- 2. Annual Report 2018**
- 3. Report on meetings with IATA / ACI**
- 4. WSG governance and working groups status report**
- 5. Pr. Odoni study on slots for ACI Europe**
- 6. Eurocontrol, revision of MOC**
- 7. EUACA web page, update and information to be included - slot fee**
- 8. EUACA Common Data Base**
 - evaluation of the day to day operations
 - improvements/simplification of process
- 9. Airport Operation Centers (APOC) - Coordinator involvement**
- 10. Daylight Saving Time DST**
- 11. Status report EUACA TF EURO 2020**

Thursday

- 12. Historic Determination**
- 13. Bankruptcy updates**
- 14. Elections Board, Vice Chair and Chair**
- 15. Next meetings**
- 16. AOB**

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1. Welcome and Approval of Agenda, Designation of Meeting Secretary

- FW opened the meeting at 09h10.
- The agenda was approved and Mr. Hocq appointed as the Meeting Secretary.
- Apologies from Mr Di Rienzo (IT), Mrs Nokkala (FI) and Mrs Krenzin (DE)
- The Chairman welcome Mr. Kirth and Mr Petras, from Bratislava Airport whom he invited to attend the meeting
- The Chairman welcome Mrs Katriina Ahlroth from Finland.

2. Annual finance report 2018

- Wolfgang presents the financial accounts for the fiscal year 2018
- Operating Result: -4.772,93€ that is in line with the budget
- The report is accepted unanimously by the general assembly
- The plenary approved the annual report for 2018 (Annex 1) and discharged the Board, the Treasurer and the Auditor for 2018 unanimously.

3. Report on meetings with IATA / ACI

- The Board met with IATA in GVA on 15 February to evaluate where IATA and EUACA can agree on common positions for the revision of EC Reg 95/93. Will try later to add ACI in the discussion.
- On 22 February, Fred, Eric and Didier had a meeting ACI in BRU
 - To improve understanding of ACI about EUACA
 - To improve understanding and knowledge of ACI about coordinationNow trying to organize a new meeting with ACI Slots TF and Pr. Odoni of MIT to discuss the study on slots allocation requested by ACI to Pr. Odoni.

4. New WSG governance

- Eric gives a debriefing on the proposal of IATA/ACI on a new governance of the WSG.
- Issues:
 - Coordinators would be only invited as experts
 - No active and passive voting rights
 - No possibility to chair the board
 - New versions of WSG would be co-edited by IATA and ACI. Coordinators excluded.
- WWACG Board rejected the proposal and asked that independent coordinators are taken as full members of the new governance organization. It is a prerequisite to further collaboration with ACI/IATA
- Next steps:
 - General Assembly of ACI-World will discuss the demand of coordinators
 - IATA/ACI should present a report on the work in progress at the next ICAO General Assembly in September

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- If no agreement between ACI/IATA and WWACG, WWACG should prepare and be ready to act at ICAO level at the General Assembly in September
- Impact of the WSG new governance on WWACG organization:
 - Board of WWACG should be reserved to members who are not integrated in the organization of an airline or an airport (independent).
 - WWACG will find a solution to guarantee that the external parties cannot take the control of the association
 - Decisions on the new membership requests that are not yet approved, will be postponed until the question on the conditions for membership and membership classifications in WWACG are clarified
- Reports on IATA WSG Review TFs:
 - Slots Performance Monitoring (SPM-TF) – Eric
 - A new full chapter on slots performance monitoring will be added in the WSG
 - Content of the text proposed is approved in the Management Group (MG). Only little wording to be fine tuned
 - Eric presents the details of the text proposed for addition and updates in the WSG (Annex 2)
 - Reference to level 2 should be added
 - Fred, Chair of EUACA, thanks and congratulate Werner Callebaut (BSC) for the work done as leader of the TF for the coordinators.
 - Access to congested Airports (ACA-TF) – Eric
 - The TF will review the definition of “new entrant” and
 - The definition of new entrant access to congested airports
 - Eric presents the update proposed by the TF for WSG Art. 8.3
 - Conditional allocation:
 - Eric presents a text that is under construction
 - Members give opinions on the text and feedback for further evaluation of the text proposed
 - Airport Levels (APL-TF) - Eric
 - Eric present the work in progress
 - Historic Determination (HD-TF) – Alexandra (PT)
 - Alexandra gives a status report of the TF
 - No much progress for the harmonization of the determination of historic rights
 - Last two meetings where mainly used to agree on the understanding of the actual WSG and for education of some members of the TF.
 - Alexandra will not stay as (co)-leader of the TF for coordinators after June 2019
 - Because of uncertainty on the new governance of the WSG (see above), there is no candidate for (co)-leader of the TF
 - The TF may be closed at the end of June 2019
 - For information we should add the name of the EUACA reps in the different TF for cross reference reason.

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5. Pr. Odoni study on slots for ACI Europe

Pr. Odoni (MIT) was appointed by ACI-Europe to prepare a study on the slot allocation, in preparation of the revision of EC Reg.95/93. EUACA had agreed with ACI-Europe to organize a meeting/conference call but the meeting was cancelled last minute by ACI. A new date is set to 3 April for a conference call.

6. Eurocontrol matters and revision of MoC:

- Didier gives a debriefing on works in progress at ECTL.
- Members are asked to verify if new structures are established at their airport, like Airport Operations Centers (APOC), Airport Operations Plans (AOP) in connection with ECTL's Network Operations Plan (NOP). It is important that coordinators and schedules facilitators are part in the organization of these structures, to be sure that the role of coordinators and schedules facilitators is considered and respected.
- The ECTL-EUACA Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) is under review. EUACA is preparing amendments and new proposals for the revision of the MoC. EUACA Board agreed to prepare and organize a meeting with the new DG of ECTL to discuss and agree on common strategy for future co-operation.

7. EUACA Webpage:

- The actual EUACA TF for the re-design of the webpage was still dormant. Eric asks to all members for volunteers for joining him in this TF and start working the project.
- Some decisions are still to be taken by WWACG like about the link between EUACA and WWACG web pages that will influence the development and the costs of the new EUACA website.

8. EUACA Database:

- Didier presents a report on the day-to-day operations of the EUACA DB.
 - No major issue to report
 - When issues, it resolves rapidly with the help of the coordinator of the missing airport data.
- Didier informs the members that the DB needs some developments. The Board will follow-up the proposals and quotations that Didier will present in a next meeting.

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9. Airport Operation Centers (APOC) - Coordinator involvement

It is important that EUACA members are aware of the work done in APOC centers and how far they should seek for integration of their own work in these processes.

Tour de table to report where APOC centers are established (physically or virtually) and where coordinators and schedules facilitators' work is integrated in the local processes (ex. FPL checks vs ASL in A-CDM processes)

10. Daylight Saving Time DST

On the day of the meeting, there was no news from EC for that file

The European Parliament has voted that the last DST change will be in 2021.

11. Status report EUACA TF EURO 2020

- Antoine contacted all coordinators and schedules facilitators of airports of cities where the event will take place
- Next step is to designate 1 person to coordinate and set up one common working procedure for the slot allocation at these airports during the period of the event.

12. EUACA Historic Determination TF

- Didier presents the work in progress in the TF
- Main points of discussions are
 - Flight Number as identification of series (vs series ID)
 - Definition of "approximately allocated the same time". Here, members understand that "approximately" means within the tightest coordination parameter window
- Fred, as Chair of EUACA, thanks Birgit for the work done as leader and essential contributor to the TF.
- Didier is designated as new rapporteur of the TF
- Members who are already in the TF and still want to contribute are requested to dedicate resources to the TF. Members who would like to join the TF are requested to contact Didier.
- Next report of work in progress in September meeting

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13. Bankruptcy updates:

- The case BMI/LOG does not cause problems
- Germania / Bulgarian Eagle / Germania Flug is still open and waiting for decisions from the competent authorities. Germania Flug is already completely separated from Germania and Bulgarian Eagle.

14. Elections Board, Vice Chair and Chair

- Having 7 candidates for 7 positions, the new EUACA Board will be as follows for a period of two years:
 - Eric Herbane – Chairman
 - Wolfgang Gallistl – Vice chairman and treasurer
 - Didier Hocq – Vice chairman
 - Ignacio Monasterio
 - Fred Wister
 - Edmond Rose
 - René Maysokolua
- Fred thanks FLUKO for the contribution of the German coordinator during his chairmanship of EUACA and a special thank you to Birgit Krenzin who contributed so much to the good progress of works of the Board and support to the Chair during her membership in the Board as representative of FLUKO.
- Eric thanks Fred for the work done during his mandate as Chairman of EUACA.
- Eric presents his views on the new challenges that EUACA should take for the next coming years like:
 - Contribution to the revision of the EC Reg 95/93
 - Co-operation and work with international partners like IATA, ACI, WSG governance, ...
 - EUACA to be the main contributor for the development of WACG
 - Sensibilization of the industry and authorities on the importance of the independence of airport slot coordinators.

15. Date and place of next meeting:

- Cape Town – Thursday 20 June, 08h30-10h30, meeting room to be confirmed
- Oslo, 17 Sep (Board), 18 & 19 Sep (Plenary)

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16. A.O.B. :

- **Force Majeure / ACL publication :**
 - Edmond informs the members that ACL has reviewed its document on the interpretation of force majeure. ACL deleted the reference to EUACA recommended practice. The new document is available on ACL website.
- **B737 – MAX 8 grounding:**
 - Based on Art.10.4.a of the regulation 95/93, coordinators will accept force majeure for the justification of cancellations of flights that were scheduled to operate this aircraft type-
 - FM will be used for the time that the aircraft is grounded by the competent authorities and the period of FM will be extended with a recovery period to be agreed between airlines and slots coordinators on a case-by-case basis.

The meeting was closed on Thursday 21 March, 13h00

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Fred Wister
Chairman EUACA

Didier Hocq
Secretary EUACA