

2012 - The year of NEFAB Declaration and Establishment

Submission of Information to the Commission

All documentation that is required for the declaration and establishment of NEFAB was submitted to the European Commission collectively by all NEFAB member states in December 2011. The NEFAB project is now well in advance of the requirements described in the Implementing Rule (EC Requirement 176/2011) that states that the information shall be submitted not later than 24th June 2012.

The European Commission has acknowledged receipt of all the information.

A two months formal observation period will now follow in which states and stakeholders can make comments, prior to formal declaration of the FAB by notification in the official journal of the European Union.

NEFAB will make a formal presentation to the FAB Focal Point Group in Brussels on 6th February 2012. This is to inform potential "interested parties" with regards to the NEFAB detailed plans. Its objectives are to ease the submission of potential comments or observations.

NEFAB Agreements

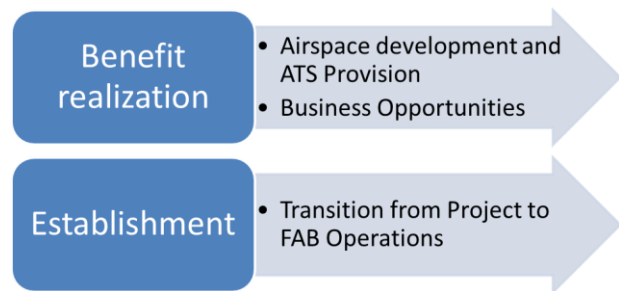
All the necessary agreements required for the declaration and establishment of NEFAB have been developed and approved. The signing of these agreements is planned before mid 2012.

The agreements are made between all of the NEFAB member States, National Safety Authorities (NSAs) and between the designated Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSPs).

With these in place, as well as the required information being sent to the European Commission ahead of original schedule, **NEFAB is well on track to be established and functional by the end of 2012.**

NEFAB Focus 2012

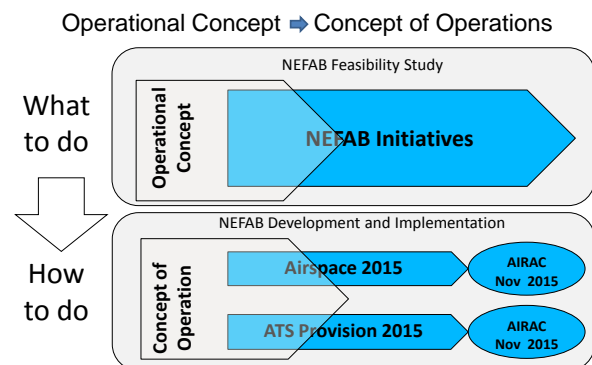
The NEFAB Project will focus on two main areas in 2012: Establishment and Benefit Realisation.



The Benefit Realization area is divided into Airspace Development and ATS provision which will give benefits to NEFAB customers, as well as Business Opportunities.

The foundation entity behind the Airspace development 2015 and ATS Provision 2015 is the Concept of Operations (CONOPS). The aim of CONOPS is to facilitate the establishment of new airspace structures with free route airspace and optimised ATS provision by November 2015.

While the Operational Concept - as a part of the completed feasibility study - defined the "What to do", CONOPS is the process under which NEFAB will specify the "How to do".



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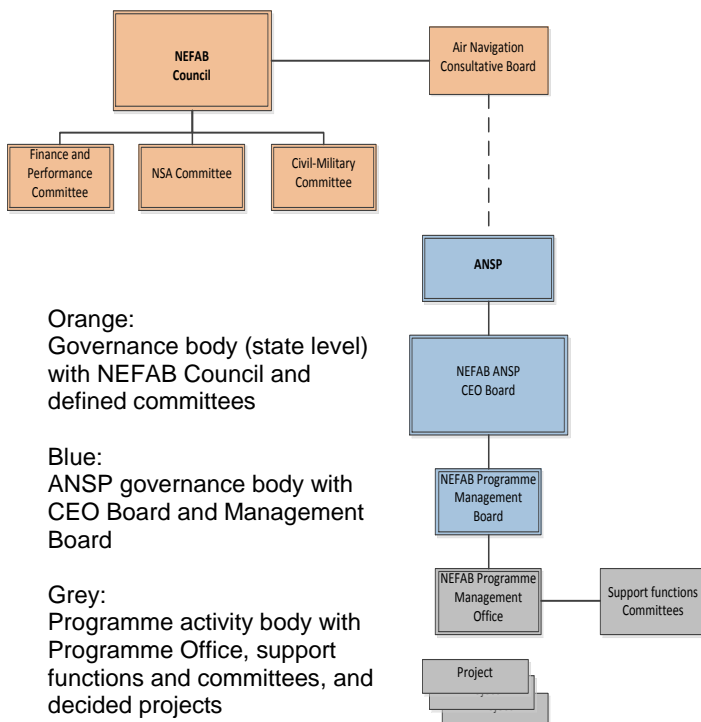
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The Business Opportunities are aimed at increasing ANSP internal benefits through synergies, but are not required for the airspace and service provision projects.

The Establishment will focus its activities related to defining the organisational structure, decision processes, programme functions, transition processes from NEFAB Project to NEFAB Operations and also recruitment within the ongoing NEFAB operational organisation. These activities will be executed in close cooperation with the State level group and the NSA group.

When NEFAB is established and functional, the NEFAB Project structure will be ended.

NEFAB Proposed Organisational Structure



The proposed organisational structure of NEFAB is based on the outcome from the Business Model Team, state level agreements, ANSP agreements as well as interactions between the Project and the Steering Group.

A separate project group is working on the organisational function of the Programme Management Office.

Roles and responsibilities will also be developed within the individual ANSP bodies. These will evolve into the recruitment process throughout 2012.

Finalisation of the Organisational structure and decision processes is one of the core focus areas for 2012.

MOU signed with ANSPs

NEFAB members ANSPs, along with the ANSPs of Iceland, Sweden and Denmark, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 1st December 2011.

The MOU is intended for the common development in airspace and service provision areas between the partners, aimed to benefit customers and airspace users in terms of more efficient airspace structure and service provision.



ANSP representatives signing the MoU; from left: Raimondas Izhganaitis (LGS), Nils Sprenger (Naviair), Raine Luojus (Finavia), Knut Skaar (Avinor), Tanel Rautits (EANS), Thomas Allard (LFV) and Asgeir Palsson (Isavia)

NEFAB Project Newsletter

As all of the work streams intensify throughout 2012, then so will the external communication on NEFAB. Newsletters are scheduled to be published every quarter, along with any special announcements that may be required in 2012.