

1st quarter 2012 – an important and busy period for NEFAB

NEFAB presentation to European Commission and Interested parties made in Brussels in February

NEFAB made a formal presentation on 6th February 2012 in Brussels to the European Commission as well as other interested stakeholders. This presentation covered the documentation that had been submitted to the Commission in December 2011 complying with the EC regulations for the establishment of NEFAB. NEFAB was the first FAB invited to make such a formal presentation: its purpose was to assist stakeholders in the process of gathering comments to the NEFAB documentation.

The quality of the documents that had been submitted, as well as the substantial work NEFAB had done to date, was recognised by the European Commission.

Observations from interested parties

Following the close of the observation period of the documentation that was submitted, on 12th March 2012, NEFAB has received the observations from the stakeholders.

The observations are duly noted by the States, National Supervisory Authorities and the Service providers, and will be used in the continued process for the establishment of NEFAB, as well as in post-establishment processes.

The States are preparing the official response to the observations to the European Commission.

NEFAB continues the process for its Establishment on the 4th December 2012.

Military Stakeholder Meeting

An informal stakeholder meeting with representatives from the military organisations of the NEFAB states was held on 14th

February 2012 in Helsinki. States representatives were also present in the meeting.



Attendees of military stakeholder meeting, Helsinki

The establishment of NEFAB as well as the ATS Provision 2015 and Airspace 2015 subject projects were discussed. The importance of military involvement with these subject projects processes was highlighted.

The meeting was directed by the NEFAB Project Manager, supported by the ATS provision and Airspace Project Managers as well as by EUROCONTROL.

The meeting was very productive with interactions from all sides.

Airspace 2015 and ATS Provision 2015 projects start

The two major projects Airspace 2015 and ATS Provision 2015 were kicked off in Tallinn on 12th and 13th April. 37 representatives from all four of the ANSPs attended the two day meeting.

The two projects are the first joint concrete projects where NEFAB ANSPs and states will deliver real benefits for our customers. The projects are expected to deliver benefits in terms of shorter routings and more efficient service provision, which again will reduce emissions and costs.

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All four ANSPs were represented with experts nominated to participate in the project activities. The experts are coming from both the operational and technical fields.

The meeting was hosted by EANS and arranged at the EANS premises near Tallinn airport. It was directed by the two project managers Knut Bjarne Klaussen and Petri Hartikainen, and Project Coordinator Tom-Ingar Bjorndal. Attending and supporting the meeting was also the representative from EUROCONTROL Network management office; Mr. Stefan Gerris as well as representatives from the NEFAB Project Office.



Attendees of projects kick off meeting at EANS, Tallinn

Participant feedback highlighted the quality and structure of the material presented. The participants stated their willingness to contribute and to participate in the design and development activities in NEFAB.

“The work in NEFAB is becoming more concrete, and I look forward to continue the participation in establishing good and efficient solutions that we shall live with for many years to come. I appreciate the effort and contributions of our colleagues” says COO Avinor and member of NEFAB Steering Group Mr. Tor-Øivind Skogseth.

Upcoming NEFAB Establishment activities

During the next few months important milestones are planned to be reached with regards the Establishment process.

The signature of the State level agreement is planned for May 2012. With this, NEFAB can then be ratified by all of the member's governments. This document is the top level agreement which binds all four member states into the Functional Airspace Block.

The ANSP agreement signature is planned for June 2012. This will be the final agreement due for signature, prior to the formal Establishment of NEFAB.

Ongoing activities prior to Establishment include the development of the Business Model as well as institutional arrangements. The Business Model describes the structures and processes for NEFAB operations and the program management office (PMO), as well as definition of roles of the required positions and bodies.

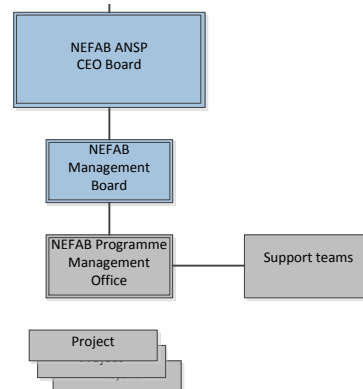


Fig: NEFAB ANSP organisation structure

The organisational structure for the NEFAB operational phase, post establishment, has been defined. The structure defines the NEFAB ANSP governance bodies (CEO Board and Management Board) as well as the execution bodies (PMO and Subject Projects). It also sets out the lines of communication and responsibility which is required.

Preparation for nominations of the NEFAB Program Office positions is planned to start during the summer and early autumn. These will be the formal positions of members of staff that will be required when NEFAB starts its' operations.