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NEFAB Project coming to an end, NEFAB Programme continues

Agreements signed for NEFAB establishment

This summer important milestones were reached as the NEFAB Air Navigation Service Providers parties and the NEFAB states signed agreements for the establishment of the North European Functional Airspace Block.



Signing the ANSP agreement. The CEOs of (from the left) Finavia (Raine Luojus), Avinor (Knut Skaar), EANS (Tanel Rautits) and LGS (Davids Taurins)

The State level agreements have been ratified in all states during November and will enter into force in December.

The NSA agreement will be signed after the ratification of the state level agreements.

NEFAB Programme Management Office

NEFAB Project will formally terminate on 4 December, at the same time NEFAB Programme Management Office (PMO) will be established. The PMO will manage the NEFAB Programme and support the ANSPs and states to reach the NEFAB objectives and performance targets, including information exchange and stakeholder engagement. It will also maintain control of and execute the day to day management of the programme and action plan in a cost-efficient and transparent way.

Stakeholder Consultation meeting in Tallinn, September



Opening of the meeting. Ms Gerli Rebane, Chair of State level Group making the opening speech

A stakeholder consultation meeting was arranged by the NEFAB states in Tallinn on 19 September. Interested parties were invited from all NEFAB states, including airline operators, military and trade unions.

Presentations were made by representatives from the states, NSA and the NEFAB Project. The topics presented and discussed were related to performance, benefits, establishment, organisation and legal aspects.

Benefit realisation of improvement initiatives

In April both projects Airspace 2015 and Service Provision 2015 were initiated. The purpose of these projects is to realise benefits identified in the NEFAB Feasibility Study Report with focus on the airspace users and our customers.

Implementation of continuous Free Route Airspace above FL285 with optimised route structure below is regarded as a key deliverable. To ensure optimal solutions for the operators throughout the Nordic area, common target of continuous Free Route Airspace has been agreed with NUAC Company on behalf of LFV and NAVIAIR. Common airspace development in this respect is executed in the Airspace 2015 Project in close cooperation with subject experts in NUAC.

Further, the Management Board has decided to start a pilot project to harmonize and integrate Safety Management Systems. The pilot project shall identify areas that are common and can be integrated in a common system and identify areas of similarity that can be harmonised where integration is not possible. Further, common software tools for SMS between the ANSP parties will be identified.

Safety – Eurocontrol

EUROCONTROL has agreed and offered to support NEFAB with safety case on the ASP and ATS projects. The support is considered to be under the NM functions and is also considered as support to FABs. The support is therefore free of charge, and they allocate two experts for NEFAB.

Aiming for common FAB-language

Cross border sectorisation (and services) is one of the prerequisites for benefits and optimum airspace and service provision.

However, all member states have language requirement of both the national and English language.

In order to achieve to goal of cross-border sectorisation and provision, the Management Board has decided to present a case for the NSA group, proposing that the en route service has only one international language and in accordance with ICAO Annex 1 Personnel Licensing.

NEFAB Business Plans

NEFAB ANSP parties agreed on NEFAB business plans for 2013 – 2017 and an annual plan for 2013.

The NEFAB business plan for the period 2013 – 2017 describes the overall strategy of NEFAB. It paves the way for important and substantial improvements in ATM systems and procedures across the NEFAB states, giving benefits for the customers and society and benefits for the ANSPs.

The NEFAB annual business plan for 2013 translates the strategies in the 5YBP into concrete actions to be used by the MB to follow up NEFAB projects and activities. The annual plan contains important deliverables and milestones defined in the NEFAB Programme.

NEFAB States performance

One of the key objectives of NEFAB is to reduce the cost of using our airspace and services, reflected in the en route charges (unit rates) paid by the operators.

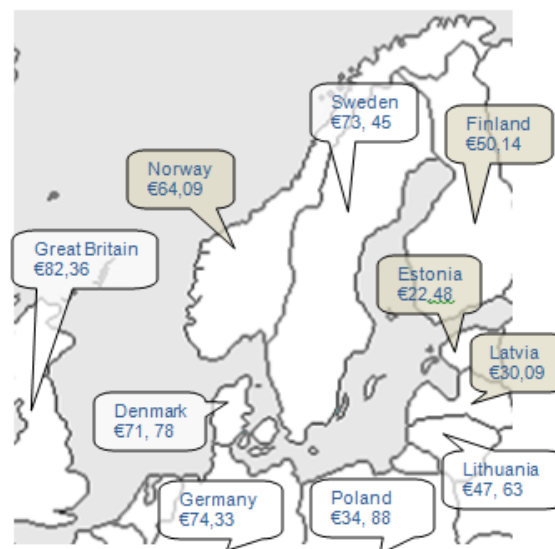
NEFAB states average is well below the European average, hence NEFAB already is contributing to the European target of lower costs for the airlines and operators.

The European average in 2011 was 51, 37€ and in 2012 51,83€. Nefab states average was in same period 39, 26€ and 41, 7€.

The figures below are showing the unit rates per state in Northern Europe, as well as a geographical presentation.

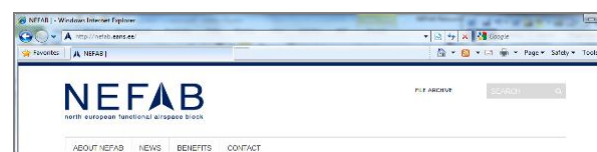
State	2010	2011	2012	Change 2012/2011	Change 2011/2010
Denmark	64,39	67,9	71,78	5,71 %	5,45 %
Estonia	19,81	19,81	22,48	13,48 %	0,00 %
Finland	40,36	40,38	50,14	24,17 %	0,05 %
Germany	68,99	71,99	74,33	3,25 %	4,35 %
Great Britain	68,58	78,09	82,36	5,47 %	13,87 %
Latvia	28,85	29,57	30,09	1,76 %	2,50 %
Norway	65,18	67,29	64,09	-4,76 %	3,24 %
Poland	40,17	39,04	34,88	-10,66 %	-2,81 %
Sweden	56,9	70,14	73,45	4,72 %	23,27 %

Unit rates per year and changes in the period



Unit rates in North European states in 2012 (NEFAB states highlighted)

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