

NEFAB

north european functional airspace block

NEFAB Council governance update

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Single European Sky (SES)

- ▲ Need to accommodate the increasing air traffic flows in the European airspace, whilst cutting costs and improving performance

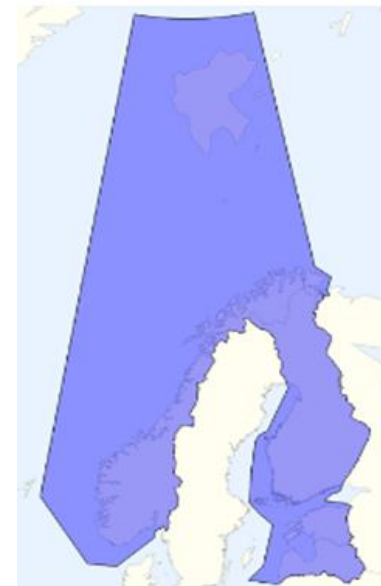
- ▲ Functional airspace blocks (FABs)
 - A key mechanism of SES
 - Organising airspace into functional blocks, according to traffic flows rather than to national borders
 - Increased cooperation and integration
 - More rational organisation of airspace and service provision
 - Meeting the performance expectations of the airspace users and that of the EU

- ▲ The Single Sky Performance Regulation: a framework of binding obligations aimed at improved capacity and efficiency, enhanced safety and lower costs of air navigation services
 - NEFAB and DK/SE FAB are the only two FABs currently not in infringement procedure with the Commission



NEFAB: North European Functional Airspace block

- ▲ Project for NEFAB establishment 1.3.2009 – 4.12.2012
- ▲ State level agreement signed in Tallinn June 4, 2012
- ▲ Consists of the flight information regions (FIR) and upper information regions (UIR) of North European airspace:
 - Estonia
 - Finland
 - Latvia
 - Norway
 - Bodø Oceanic
- ▲ NEFAB Objective: to achieve optimal performance in the areas relating to safety, environmental sustainability, capacity, cost-efficiency, flight efficiency and military mission effectiveness, by the design of airspace and the organisation of air traffic management in the airspace concerned, regardless of existing boundaries



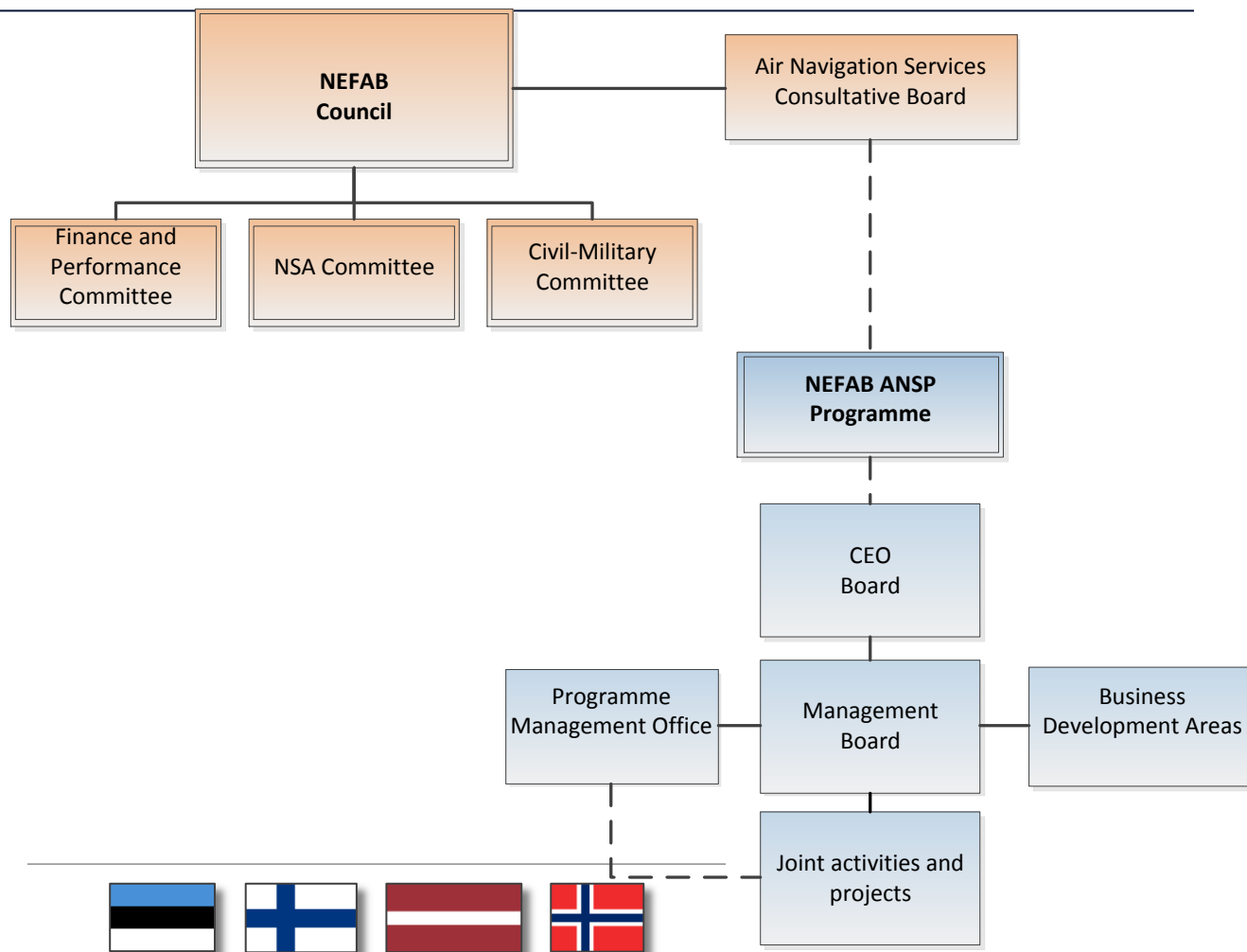
NEFAB Governance and organisation structure

▲ NEFAB member states: Estonia, Finland, Latvia and Norway

▲ Air Navigation Service Providers: Avinor, EANS, Finavia and LGS

▲ NEFAB Governing body: NEFAB Council

- Chair 2015: Finland
- Chair 2016: Latvia



NEFAB Council activities 2015

- ▲ Issues currently under discussion within NEFAB Council:
 - Implementation Plan for the NEFAB Strategy
 - North European Free Route Airspace (NEFRA) Implementation
 - Co-operation with neighbouring FABs and states
 - Co-operation with DK/SE FAB
 - Borealis

- ▲ 7.9.2015 a joint workshop with NEFAB Council and ANSP CEO Members
 - The idea was to have open and straight forward discussions about the development of air navigation services in NEFAB
 - The ANSPs were encouraged to challenge the ministries
 - FinEst NEFAB pilot case was presented



Thank you!

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