

## Workshop EASA / EUROCONTROL

Close partnership between EASA and EUROCONTROL forms an important part of the measures necessary to respond to the challenges faced in the changing institutional environment of ATM. Following the entry into force of the amended Basic Regulation (EC) No. 216/2008 which extended EASA's competences to the safety of ATM/ANS, cooperation has been fortified and several discussions have been held between the two on the possible ways and methods of cooperation.

In order to facilitate a better mutual understanding of each other's tasks and roles it was agreed to hold a joint Workshop to look into the areas where EUROCONTROL could support EASA in its new role, including the provision of appropriate expertise and experience in areas of mutual interest.

This Workshop took place on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> September in Brussels, and was attended by 74 participants; 14 from EASA and 60 from EUROCONTROL.

Following introductory presentations, the Workshop split into six working panels to continue discussions in a more detailed way. The six Panels focused on:

1. **Rulemaking** (split in two sub-panels:
  - 1.a on ANSP and Authority Procedures and
  - 1.b on ATCO Requirements),
2. **Standardisation Inspections,**
3. **Safety Analysis,**
4. **SESAR Safety Reviews,**
5. **Network Management Function Safety Oversight,**

Following the discussions, each Panel presented their outcomes highlighting the main areas for further work and identifying a number of key tasks/deliverables potentially to be included in the joint work programme for 2010/2011.

Overall, participants were very satisfied with the results of the Workshop.

As a general conclusion, it was commonly recognised that, at this stage, there was a good basis for EUROCONTROL providing its support to EASA. The need of further collaboration and support was explicitly mentioned by senior representatives from both organisations.