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The Commission continues to focus its efforts on the development of the **Performance Scheme Implementing Rule (IR)**. The first of a series of **Single Sky Committee (SSC)** workshops on the IR was held on 26 January to discuss the IR. CAA is content with much of the draft but has concerns about how cost efficiency targets might impact on the provision of terminal services (airport Air Traffic Services) where there is a contestable market. We are also concerned about how the IR deals with risk sharing where costs or traffic vary from the forecast in a given reference period. In addition the proposed data collection requirements seem disproportionate, particularly for smaller airports. Another SSC workshop is scheduled for 23 February and we expect that the Commission will issue a new draft of the IR ahead of this.

The Commission has also issued a proposal for a revision to the **Charging Regulation**. Currently the Commission plans to seek SSC opinion on both the Performance Scheme and amended Charging Regulation at the next SSC on 23-24 March.

The CAA has taken part in informal consultation on Eurocontrol's work on the development of a SES IR on **Standardised European Rules of the Air (SERA)**. This aims to transpose several aspects of ICAO Annexes into EU law with common application of the content. This work will take a phased approach, with the first phase focused on ICAO Annex 2 Rules of the Air. Formal consultation is expected to begin in February.

**EASA** has been proceeding with work to draft ATM IRs under the extension to its Basic Regulation. Work is taking place within three rule drafting groups dealing with ANSP, competent authority and ATCO licensing requirements. The UK is represented in all three groups, with the CAA participating in two. Originally this work was expected to result in the adoption of the rules by the end of 2012 in order to meet the timetable set out in the basic regulation. However, following discussion at the SSC in December, the Commission has asked EASA to consider a 'fast-track' process for current work with the aim of completion by the end of 2010. The Commission hope this will allow EASA to prioritise work to support the implementation of SES II. Consequently, EASA Notices of Proposed amendments containing draft ATM IRs can be expected to be issued for consultation in spring 2010.

In the **SESAR** project, A Commission workshop to resolve the issue of who should be responsible for the governance of **Implementation Package 1 (IP1)** was held on 20 January. The Commission has agreed to create an IP1 Steering Body as an ad hoc arrangement to be in place until legislation has been agreed to enforce implementation. The group would be made up of Member States, Military, SJU and Industry representatives and moderated by the Commission. Its purpose would be to monitor the implementation of IP1 and make recommendations to decision-making bodies where actions are needed. Mandates for the development of new IRs and amendments to existing IRs to support the implementation of IP1 are expected to be issued by the Commission by the middle of 2010.

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