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On the 25 & 26 February, the Commission and the Spanish Ministry of Transport jointly hosted a High-Level Conference on the implementation of the Single European Sky. Attendees committed to deliver SES and it was agreed that 2012 was the key milestone for its achievement.

Development of the **Performance Scheme Implementing Rule (IR)** remains the priority of the Commission, who hosted a second **Single Sky Committee (SSC)** workshop on the IR on 23 February. Discussion focussed on four main areas of the draft IR: Scope of cost efficiency targets and how they could be applied in a contestable market for the provision of airport Air Traffic Services; whether it is appropriate to include targets for the Network Management Function in the first reference period; risk sharing, where costs or traffic vary from the forecast in a given reference period; and the Performance Indicators for each Key Performance Area, in particular on Safety.

A third SSC Performance workshop is planned for the 15 March. The Commission then hope to seek Member States' formal opinion on both the Performance Scheme IR and amended **Charging Regulation** at the next SSC meeting on 23-24 March. Proposals for the EU wide targets for the Scheme are expected to be agreed by the end of 2010.

In addition to a potential vote on the Performance Scheme IR and amended Charging Regulation, the March SSC is expected to address: the designation of the **Performance Review Body (PRB)** to support the Commission on all Performance matters; agreement of a mandate to Eurocontrol to extend the scope of the **Aeronautical Data Quality (ADQ) IR**; and an amendment to the IR on flight plans in the pre-flight phase to reflect updated ICAO references. There will also be an update on SESAR, including consultative arrangements with National Supervisory Authorities.

Eurocontrol has now begun [formal consultation](#) on the first **Standardised European Rules of the Air (SERA) IR**, which aims to transpose aspects of several ICAO Annexes into EU law with common application of the content. This work will take a phased approach, with the first IR focused on ICAO Annex 2 Rules of the Air. The comments period for this consultation is 11 February to 12 April inclusive. A workshop presenting the outcomes of the formal consultation is planned for 3 June, and Eurocontrol expects to submit the Final Report on mandate developments to the European Commission by the end of June 2010.

In the **SESAR** project, work is now underway on the first update to the Master Plan, which is expected to be completed by the end of March. The update includes more detail on Implementation Package One (IP1) and updates to the Risk Register. Once complete it must receive political approval by the Council of Ministers. Discussions are well underway between the Commission and the FAA to develop a Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) to share the results of research and development between SESAR and the US' NextGen programme. Finally, the SESAR Joint Undertaking (SJU) has recently issued proposals for the establishment of a Regulatory Working Group comprising of a small group of regulators, to give informal regulatory advice to the SJU on SESAR developments and concepts.

Work is continuing within three drafting groups on **EASA ATM IRs**. The CAA's latest EASA Information Bulletin is available at: <http://www.caa.co.uk/docs/620/2010MarchInfoBulletinFinal.pdf>

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