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On 27 April the Commission issued an information note setting out a series of steps they proposed to take in response to the volcanic ash crisis precipitated by the eruption of Eyjafjallajökull; these included expediting the delivery of the Single European Sky (SES) and the creation of a European **Crisis Coordination Cell**. Member States largely supported these proposals at an extraordinary meeting of the Transport Council held on 4 May.

The Commission has now asked Eurocontrol to identify the actions needed to establish the crisis cell as a priority. It is expected that the cell will be part of the SES **Network Management Function (NMF)** once it has been established. The Commission has now begun work on an IR setting out the functions of the NMF and intends to designate the **Network Manager** by the end of 2010. An initial consultation workshop on the NMF is planned for 10 June.

At the Single Sky Committee on 7 May, Member States agreed an IR to establish the **Performance Scheme**. This will require the production of national performance plans, and the CAA anticipates working closely with the UK Government in taking this forward. Work continues on the supporting amendments to the **Charging Regulation**, which will be discussed at an SSC workshop on 26 May, with a view to adoption at an *ad hoc* SSC on 15 June.

At both the Eurocontrol Provisional Council (PC), held on 6 May, and the SSC there was agreement in principle for the Eurocontrol Performance Review Commission (PRC) to be designated as the independent **Performance Review Body (PRB)** that will support the Commission on performance matters. In the meantime, the PRC will continue to support the development of the **EU-wide performance targets** required by the Performance Scheme, which will be consulted upon this summer and then adopted at the end of 2010. As a first step the Commission is holding a public workshop on 27 May at Eurocontrol's headquarters in Brussels.

The PC also agreed to continue the work to modernise the structure of the Eurocontrol Agency to ensure separation of support to regulation and service provision based on the creation of three pillars of work (Single Sky, Network Management and SESAR). Work will now begin to review the consultative mechanisms supporting the new structure and in the longer term, to consider the legal framework of the institution.

The Commission has begun work on an IR to set out requirements on the information Member States must provide when establishing or modifying a **Functional Airspace Block (FAB)**. A consultation workshop will be held on 25 June. To help facilitate the implementation of FABs, the Commission has now nominated Georg Jarzembowski, a former German MEP as the **FABs system Coordinator**.

Eurocontrol stakeholder consultation workshops for the **Surveillance Performance & Interoperability/Aircraft Identification (SPI/ACID)** IRs and **Standardised European Rules of the Air (SERA)** IR will be held on 1 and 3 June respectively. CAA responses to these consultations are available at:

<http://www.caa.co.uk/default.aspx?catid=952&pagetype=90&pageid=11356>

The latest CAA **EASA** Information Bulletin is available at:

<http://www.caa.co.uk/application.aspx?catid=33&pagetype=65&appid=11&mode=list&type=sercat&id=62>

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