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Following the EUROCONTROL Performance Review Commission summer consultation on **EU performance targets** the Commission has published proposals for reference period one. These will be discussed at an *ad hoc* Single Sky Committee (SSC) on 25 October, where the Commission intend to seek Member States' formal opinion on the targets. Many Member States have expressed concerns over the proposals, in particular, the ambitious EU cost-efficiency target.

In the meantime, National Supervisory Authorities (NSAs) continue to draft **National Performance Plans (NPPs)**, which are required under the **Performance Scheme** and will set national targets and demonstrate how they are consistent with the EU performance targets. NPPs must be agreed by Member States and submitted to the Commission by the end of June 2011. The UK NPP will be consulted on early in 2011, and will incorporate the CAA's decision for the NATS third price control (CP3) the formal proposals for which were published on 19 October. An overview of the CP3 proposals can be found in the CAA In Focus brief '[Securing NATS' performance and resilience](#)'.

Since the initial workshop in June, the Commission has continued to develop the **Network Management Function (NMF) IR**, the primary focus of which is the design of the European route network and coordination of scarce resources (radio frequencies and SSR transponder codes). It also contains provisions for a crisis coordination cell to respond to major European ATM network disruptions, such as the recent volcanic ash crisis. Following the SSC in September, a revised draft IR was issued ahead of a SSC workshop on 18 October. The revised draft goes some way to address Member State concerns about the lack of clarity over the NMF's tasks and its level of decision-making powers.

In July EUROCONTROL submitted to the Commission their Final Report on **Standardised European Rules of the Air (SERA) Part A**, which covered ICAO Annex 2 Rules of the Air. Since then the Commission has engaged further with stakeholders and subsequently made a number of changes to the draft IR. It was presented to the SSC in September where a number of States reiterated concerns about the prioritisation and maturity of the IR. As a result, the Commission has agreed to delay formal presentation for SSC adoption until early spring 2011, and will hold an SSC workshop on 9 November.

A draft IR **on the information to be provided by Member States before the establishment and modification of a functional airspace block (FAB)** was presented to the SSC in September, following the workshop in June. The UK and Ireland are particularly interested in the impact of the IR on the already-established UK/Ireland FAB.

The SSC met on 20-21 September and discussed many of the issues mentioned above. It was also the first joint SSC/EASA Committee meeting, to consider the ATCO Licensing IR – transposed from an EU Directive by EASA under the SES II package. The IR is due to be approved by the EASA Committee under comitology procedures and was discussed at the 13/14 October meeting, but was not put to a vote. It is now expected that the IR will be agreed through the EASA Committee written procedure. The next meeting of the SSC will be on 3 December.

A second **SESAR** Implementation Package One (**IP1**) Steering Group workshop took place on 18 October to review the work of the Experts team set-up to identify areas where further work is required to ensure IP1 operational initiatives are deployed in a timely fashion and to prepare recommendations for the IP1 SG plenary on 15 November. In the meantime the Commission is also developing early proposals for the Deployment Phase of SESAR through the SSC, which are expected to be published in a communication to the Council of Ministers later in the year.

For the latest on EASA developments please refer to the [CAA EASA Information Bulletins](#).

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