



Register of Commission expert groups and other similar entities

Commission Expert Group

Name: European Observatory on Airport Capacity & Quality (E01111)
(Active - Group which operates on a permanent basis)

Policy Area: Transport

Lead DG: MOVE - DG Mobility and Transport

Type: Informal, Permanent

Scope: Limited

Mission: To assist the Commission in addressing the airport capacity and quality challenges identified in the Commission's White Paper 2011 (COM(2011)144) and its Communication 'Airport policy in the EU: addressing capacity and quality to promote growth, connectivity and sustainable mobility' (COM(2011)823)

Task: Assist the Commission in relation to the implementation of existing Union legislation, programmes and policies
Assist the Commission in the preparation of legislative proposals and policy initiatives
Coordinate with Member States, exchange of views

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Additional Information

Activity Report

The 9th plenary meeting of the European Observatory on airport capacity and quality will take place on 19 May 2017, in Brussels. It will allow members to review the work done by the Commission and Eurocontrol in order to develop an "(air) connectivity index" following the 2015 Commission's 'Aviation Strategy for Europe'.

[Document 1](#)

(approx. 59 kb)

Activity Report

The 8th plenary meeting of the European Observatory on airport capacity and quality took place on 27 May 2015, in Brussels. It allowed members to review the work done by the task forces; it also allowed an exchange of views on airport capacity with a representative of the EESC. Finally, members were able to adopt revised Rules of Procedure.

[Document 1](#)

(approx. 63 kb)

[Document 2](#)

(approx. 102 kb)

Activity Report

The sixth and last meeting of Task Force 'Learning from national, regional and local strategies on airport capacity' of the European Observatory on airport capacity and quality took place on 30 March 2015 in Brussels. It allowed members to examine in detail a preliminary draft final report for the full Observatory.

[Document 1](#)

(approx. 60 kb)

[Document 2](#)

(approx. 72 kb)

Activity Report

The fifth meeting of Task Force 'Learning from national, regional and local strategies on airport capacity' of the European Observatory on airport capacity and quality took place on 24 February 2015 in Brussels. It allowed members to learn from two more national experiences and to listen to the airlines' and airport users' associations. It also allowed to discuss further ideas in view of a final report for the full Observatory.

[Document 1](#)

(approx. 63 kb)

[Document 2](#)

(approx. 81 kb)

Activity Report

The fourth meeting of Task Force 'Economic impact of unaccommodated demand and environmental variables influencing airport capacity' took place on 23 February 2015 in Brussels. It allowed to review the work done so far on the economic impact of air transport and airports as applied to Eurocontrol's Challenges of Growth scenarios.

[Document 1](#)

(approx. 61 kb)

[Document 2](#)

(approx. 37 kb)

Activity Report

The fourth meeting of the Task Force 'Learning from national, regional and local strategies on airport capacity' of the European Observatory on airport capacity and quality took place on 27 January 2015 in Brussels. It allowed members to learn from other national experiences and to further exchange views in view of a final report for the full Observatory.

[Document 1](#)

(approx. 63 kb)

[Document 2](#)

(approx. 74 kb)

Activity Report

The fourth meeting of the Task Force 'Delays to air transport in Europe: methods of measuring, reporting and analysing' took place on 13&14 January 2015 in Düsseldorf. It allowed members to know more about the Delay 'Clearing House' of Düsseldorf Airport by means of a presentation on the subject and a visit to the Airport Control Centre of the Düsseldorf Airport.

[Document 1](#)

(approx. 61 kb)

[Document 2](#)

(approx. 28 kb)

Activity Report

The third meeting of the Task Force 'Economic impact of unaccommodated demand and environmental variables influencing airport capacity' took place on 12 December 2014 in Brussels. It allowed for some more presentations on the environmental restrictions in place at certain EU airports, and on existing studies on the environmental cost of air transport.

[Document 1](#)

(approx. 24 kb)

[Document 2](#)

(approx. 28 kb)

Activity Report

The third meeting of the Task Force 'Learning from national, regional and local strategies on airport capacity' of the European Observatory on airport capacity and quality took place on 28 November 2014 in Brussels. It allowed members to learn from other national experiences and to exchange preliminary views in view of a final report for the full Observatory.

[Document 1](#)

(approx. 61 kb)

[Document 2](#)
(approx. 82 kb)

Activity Report

The second meeting of the Task Force 'Economic impact of unaccommodated demand and environmental variables influencing airport capacity' took place on 23 October 2014. It allowed members to look further at the analysis of some economic and environmental impacts of air transport. It also allowed for the approval of the Terms of Reference of the Task Force.

[Document 1](#)
(approx. 23 kb)

[Document 2](#)
(approx. 43 kb)

Activity Report

The third meeting of the Task Force 'Delays to air transport in Europe: methods of measuring, reporting and analysing' took place on 20-21 October 2014. It allowed members to continue to look at Eurocontrol CODA database and to learn from experiences in the Member States. It also allowed for the approval of the Terms of Reference of the Task Force.

[Document 1](#)
(approx. 60 kb)

[Document 2](#)
(approx. 27 kb)

Activity Report

The second meeting of the Task Force 'Learning from national, regional and local strategies on airport capacity' of the European Observatory on airport capacity and quality took place on 8 October 2014. It allowed members to look further at Eurocontrol Challenges of Growth 2013 study, and learn from a number of national experiences. It also allowed for the approval of the Terms of Reference of the Task Force.

[Document 1](#)
(approx. 61 kb)

[Document 2](#)
(approx. 18 kb)

[Document 3](#)
(approx. 76 kb)

Activity Report

The first meeting of the Task Force 'Delays to air transport in Europe - methods of measuring, reporting and analysing' of the European Observatory on airport capacity and quality took place on 26 June 2014. It allowed members to exchange ideas on the work of the Task Force in more detail and to form initial views on the scope and content of the work. Enclosed are the provisional agenda and the minutes of the meeting.

[Document 1](#)
(approx. 60 kb)

[Document 2](#)
(approx. 27 kb)

Activity Report

The first meeting of the Task Force 'Economic impact of unaccommodated demand and environmental variables influencing airport capacity' of the European Observatory on airport capacity and quality took place on 23 June 2014. It allowed members to exchange ideas on the work of the Task Force in more detail and to form initial views on the scope and content of the work. Enclosed are the provisional agenda and the minutes of the meeting.

[Document 1](#)
(approx. 60 kb)

[Document 2](#)
(approx. 31 kb)

Activity Report

The first meeting of the Task Force 'Learning from national, regional and local strategies on airport capacity' of the European Observatory on airport capacity and quality took place on 23 June 2014. It allowed members to exchange ideas on the work of the Task Force in more detail and to form initial views on the scope and content of the work. Enclosed are the provisional agenda and the minutes of the meeting.

[Document 1](#)
(approx. 59 kb)

[Document 2](#)
(approx. 79 kb)

Activity Report

The 7th plenary meeting of the European Observatory took place on 28 March 2014. It allowed for the final approval of the new mandate as well as a discussion on the work programme and working arrangements for 2014. It also allowed members to hear the views and work of the UK Airports Commission. Attached are the draft agenda, the minutes of the meeting and the final version of the new mandate.

[Document 1](#)
(approx. 59 kb)

[Document 2](#)
(approx. 83 kb)

[Document 3](#)
(approx. 37 kb)

Activity Report

The 6th plenary meeting of the Community Observatory will take place on 27 November 2013. It will allow for a presentation of the conclusions of working group 3 on inter-modality. It will also allow members to discuss further Challenges of Growth 2013 and address the future of the Observatory.

[Document 1](#)
(approx. 60 kb)

[Document 2](#)
(approx. 1,073 kb)
[Document 3](#)
(approx. 331 kb)
[Document 4](#)
(approx. 85 kb)

Activity Report

The fifth plenary of the Community Observatory is taking place on 30 May 2013. It will mainly allow members to discuss Eurocontrol's Challenges of Growth 2013 study.

[Document 1](#)
(approx. 61 kb)
[Document 2](#)
(approx. 73 kb)

Activity Report

Meeting of 23 May 2013 of COMMUNITY OBSERVATORY OF AIRPORT CAPACITY Working Group 1 – Capacity (agenda + minutes)

[Document 1](#)
(approx. 59 kb)
[Document 2](#)
(approx. 49 kb)

Activity Report

Meeting of 17 May 2013 of COMMUNITY OBSERVATORY OF AIRPORT CAPACITY Working Group 3 – Intermodality at Airports (invitation + minutes)

[Document 1](#)
(approx. 21 kb)
[Document 2](#)
(approx. 22 kb)

Activity Report

Meeting of 16 October 2012 of COMMUNITY OBSERVATORY OF AIRPORT CAPACITY Working Group 3 – Intermodality at Airports (agenda + minutes)

[Document 1](#)
(approx. 24 kb)
[Document 2](#)
(approx. 25 kb)

Activity Report

meeting of 28 June 2012 of COMMUNITY OBSERVATORY OF AIRPORT CAPACITY Working Group 3 – Intermodality at Airports (agenda + minutes)

[Document 1](#)
(approx. 36 kb)
[Document 2](#)
(approx. 23 kb)

Activity Report

Meeting of 27 June 2012 of the Working Group 1 'Capacity' (draft agenda + meeting documents)

[Document 1](#)
(approx. 61 kb)
[Document 2](#)
(approx. 305 kb)
[Document 3](#)
(approx. 942 kb)
[Document 4](#)
(approx. 78 kb)

Activity Report

Meeting of 16 March 2012 of COMMUNITY OBSERVATORY OF AIRPORT CAPACITY Working Group 3 – Intermodality at Airports (agenda + minutes)

[Document 1](#)
(approx. 29 kb)
[Document 2](#)
(approx. 33 kb)

Activity Report

The plenary of the Community Observatory on Airport Capacity met on 19 December 2011. The state of play and the way forward were discussed by the participants, in particular in relation to the new 'Better airports' package, which was presented and is attached (Commission's strategic initiative for 2011, adopted on 1 December).

[Document 1](#)
(approx. 94 kb)
[Document 2](#)
(approx. 68 kb)
[Document 3](#)
(approx. 205 kb)
[Document 4](#)
(approx. 150 kb)

Activity Report

Since its establishment in 2008, the plenary of the Community Observatory on airport capacity met three times: on 4 November 2008, on 4 November 2009 and on 30 November 2010 (terms of reference, membership and minutes available

on the dedicated web site). Working group 1 on "Capacity" met three times in 2009 (see dedicated web site); Working group 2 on "Gate-to-gate approach" met three times in 2009 (see dedicated web site); Working group 3 on "Intermodality" held eight meetings between 2009 and 2011 (see dedicated web site).

http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/tren/observatory_airport/librar

Selection Procedure (members)

For selection of members, see the "Terms of Reference": 3. MEMBERSHIP (1) To ensure appropriate representativeness as well as efficiency, the Observatory will be made up of representatives of: – The Commission; – Member States; – Qualified organizations representing: – Airports; – Airport users; – Local authorities concerned; – Airport coordinators; – Environmental protection associations; – Associations of people living around airports; – The academic world; – Eurocontrol; – The SESAR Joint Undertaking. (2) The Commission will select and invite the relevant qualified organizations, and will also invite the Member States, Eurocontrol and the SESAR Joint Undertaking to appoint one member and one alternate member to the Observatory, and to notify the Commission of their names and contact details. When appointing their representatives to the Observatory, the bodies concerned will ensure that they have an appropriate seniority level and are competent to deal with the matters presented for consideration. They will also ensure that their representatives have the appropriate mandate to speak and make decisions on their behalf. (3) Representatives of the academic world will be selected and appointed by the Commission on a case by case basis. (4) Observatory members will be responsible for ensuring, as far as possible, a full co-ordination with all actors in their respective body, to ensure that they are adequately informed and their input is properly represented in the Observatory. (5) The members and their alternates will remain in office until such time as they are replaced by their respective body. (6) There will be no remuneration, and the members and alternates will cover their own costs in the performance of their duties. (7) The composition of the Observatory will be published by the Commission.

http://circa.europa.eu/Members/irc/tren/observatory_airport/library?l=/1observatory_membership/tor_finalpdf/_EN_1.0_&a=

Internal Rules of Procedure

On 27 May 2015, the members were able to adopt revised Rules of Procedure.

[Document 1](#)

(approx. 33 kb)

Members

Type C - Organisation

Name of Organisation	Category	Countries/Areas represented	Membership Status
Airlines for Europe (A4E)	Trade and business associations	European	Member
Airport Regions Conference (ARC)	NGOs	European	Member
Airports Council International - European Region (ACI EUROPE)	Other Organisations	European	Member
CANSO - Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO)	Trade and business associations	European	Member
European Airport Coordinators Association (EUACA)	Professionals' Associations	European	Member
EUROPEAN BUSINESS AVIATION ASSOCIATION (EBAA)	Trade and business associations	European	Member
European Express Association (EEA)	Trade and business associations	European	Member
European Regions Airline Association Ltd. (ERA)	Trade and business associations	European	Member
European Technology & Travel Services Association (ETTSA)	Trade and business associations	European	Member
International Air Transport Association (IATA)	Trade and business associations	International	Member
Transport and Environment (European Federation for Transport and Environment) (T&E)	NGOs	European International	Member
Union Européenne Contre les Nuisances Aériennes (UECNA)	NGOs	European	Member

Type D - Member State Authority

Country		Membership Status
Austria	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Belgium	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Bulgaria	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Croatia	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Cyprus	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Czech Republic	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Denmark	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Estonia	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Finland	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
France	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Germany	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Greece	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Hungary	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member

Ireland	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Italy	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Latvia	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Lithuania	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Luxembourg	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Malta	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Netherlands	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Poland	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Portugal	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Romania	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Slovakia	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Slovenia	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Spain	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Sweden	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
United Kingdom	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member

Type E - Other public entity

Subgroups

Name	Duration	Composition	
Task Force on delays to air transport in Europe			
Type C - Organisation			
Organisation Name	Organisation Type	Countries/Areas represented	Membership Status
Airports Council International - European Region (ACI EUROPE)	en.Other Organisations	European	Member
CANSO - Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO)	en.Trade and business associations	European	Member
European Airport Coordinators Association (EUACA)	en.Professionals' Associations	European	Member
European Technology & Travel Services Association (ETTSA)	en.Trade and business associations	European	Member
International Air Transport Association (IATA)	en.Trade and business associations	International	Member
Type D - Member State Authority			
Country	Public Authority	Membership Status	
France	Ministry of Transport	Member	
Belgium	Ministry of Transport	Member	
Type E - Other public entity			
No members currently attached to the sub-group.			
Name	Duration	Composition	
Task Force on learning from national strategies on airport capacity			
Type C - Organisation			
Organisation Name	Organisation Type	Countries/Areas represented	Membership Status
Airport Regions Conference (ARC)	en.NGOs	European	Member
Airports Council International - European Region (ACI EUROPE)	en.Other Organisations	European	Member
European Technology & Travel Services Association (ETTSA)	en.Trade and business associations	European	Member
Union Européenne Contre les Nuisances Aériennes (UECNA)	en.NGOs	European	Member
Type D - Member State Authority			
Country	Public Authority	Membership Status	
Spain	Ministry of Transport	Member	
Portugal	Ministry of Transport	Member	
Poland	Civil Aviation Office	Member	

Netherlands	Ministry of Transport	Member
Italy	Ministry of Transport	Member
Ireland	Department of Transport	Member
Germany	Ministry of Transport	Member
France	Ministry of Transport	Member
Denmark	Ministry of Transport	Member
Belgium	Ministry of Transport	Member
Austria	Ministry of Transport	Member

Type E - Other public entity

No members currently attached to the sub-group.

Name	Duration	Composition
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Task Force on economic impact of unaccommodated demand & environmental variables

Type C - Organisation

Organisation Name	Organisation Type	Countries/Areas represented	Membership Status
Airport Regions Conference (ARC)	en.NGOs	European	Member
Airports Council International - European Region (ACI EUROPE)	en.Other Organisations	European	Member
CANSO - Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO)	en.Trade and business associations	European	Member
European Regions Airline Association Ltd. (ERA)	en.Trade and business associations	European	Member
Union Européenne Contre les Nuisances Aériennes (UECNA)	en.NGOs	European	Member

Type D - Member State Authority

Country	Public Authority	Membership Status
United Kingdom	Department for Transport	Member
Spain	Ministry of Transport	Member
Poland	Civil Aviation Office	Member
Italy	Ministry of Transport	Member
Germany	Ministry of Transport	Member
France	Ministry of Transport	Member

Statistics

Number of Members: 42

Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type B - Individual expert appointed as representative of a common interest:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type C - Organisation:	12		
Type D - Member State Authority:	28		

Number of Alternate Members: 0

Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type B - Individual expert appointed as representative of a common interest:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type C - Organisation:	0		
Type D - Member State Authority:	0		

Number of Observers: 0

Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type B - Individual expert appointed as representative of a common interest:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type C - Organisation:	0		
Type D - Member State Authority:	0		