

Commission appoints a coordinator to facilitate the creation of functional airspace blocks in the Single European Sky

Following the adoption on 29 July 2010 of measures to improve the performance of the European air traffic management network, the European Commission today appointed Mr Georg Jarzembowski as the functional airspace blocks coordinator. This decision is another key step towards the de-fragmentation of the European airspace and the creation of the Single European Sky.

The role of the coordinator will be to facilitate at high political level the negotiations between the states engaged in the creation of functional airspace blocks, in order to meet the deadline of 4 December 2012.

By this date, all European states should have established **functional airspace blocks** (see map in annex), designing and rationalising collectively their airspace and air routes in order to better respond to air traffic needs. This will contribute to the defragmentation of the European airspace and should allow substantial economies of scale, notably by allowing more direct flight routes. The cost of current inefficiencies due to airspace fragmentation is estimated at about €2.8 billion per year borne by the passengers.

The next step, to be achieved by the end of 2010, shall be the designation of a single organisation responsible for the overall management of the whole European network to ensure the optimum use of the airspace and coordinate the allocation of scarce resources such as radio frequencies.

The second Single European Sky package (*Regulation (EC) No 1070/2009 of 21 October 2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations (EC) No 549/2004, (EC) No 550/2004, (EC) No 551/2004 and (EC) No 552/2004 in order to improve the performance and sustainability of the European aviation system*) can be accessed at:

http://ec.europa.eu/transport/air/single_european_sky/ses_2_en.htm

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Annex 1

FACTS AND FIGURES ON THE SINGLE EUROPEAN SKY

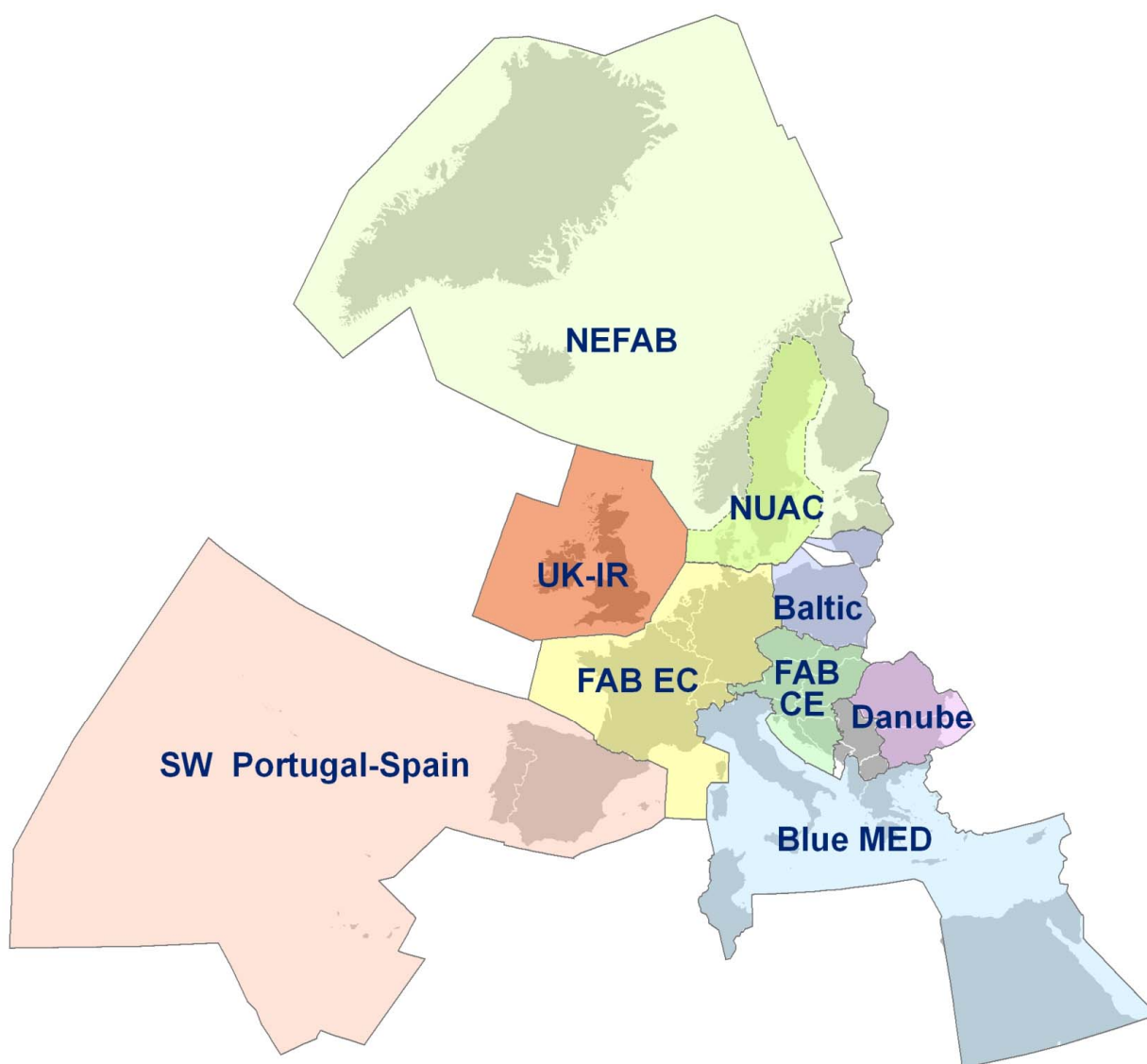
Today

- European Aviation market : a €140 billion business in 2006
- +/- 150 airlines
- 730 million passengers in 2006
- 1,000 airports
- 25,000 flights on average per day
- 1,000 air traffic control sectors
- 12 traffic bottlenecks account for 80% of delays
- Air traffic control/management costs €8 billions for 9 millions flights per year
- Airlines incurred €9 billions losses in 2009 because of the crisis
- The volcanic ash cloud crisis cost airlines some €1.26 billion in a week
- In 2007, delays generated €1.3 billion of costs to airlines.
- Flight inefficiencies generate substantial additional fuel burn – estimated at more than €1 billion per year - and generate some additional 16 million tonnes of CO₂ per year.

Tomorrow

- Reduce the navigation cost of flying by 50%
- Decrease the environmental impact of flights by 10%
- Allow continuous increase of capacity while reducing delays
- Further enhance high level of safety
- De-fragment European airspace by creating nine Functional airspace blocks
- Improve performance of air navigation services with regard to safety, environment, cost-efficiency and capacity
- Establish a single authority to manage the European network, in order to allow optimum use of airspace and allocate scarce resources.

MAP OF THE 9 FUNCTIONAL AIRSPACE BLOCKS INITIATIVES AS OF 29 JULY 2010



Curriculum Vitae

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- 1964 – 1965 Austauschschüler an der William Penn Charter School in Philadelphia
- 1966 Abitur am Martino-Katharineum in Braunschweig
- 1966 – 1968 Bundeswehrdienst
- 1968 – 1973 Studium der Rechtswissenschaft an der Universität Hamburg
- 1973 Erstes juristisches Staatsexamen
- 1973 – 1975 Referendariat
- 1974 – 1978 Mitglied der Bezirksversammlung Hamburg-Mitte
- 1975 Zweites juristisches Staatsexamen in Hamburg
- 1975 – 1978 Rechtsanwalt und Doktorand (1980 Promotion zum Dr. jur.)
- 1976 – 1978 Deputierter der Justizbehörde Hamburg
- 1978 – 1979 Richter am Landgericht Hamburg
- 1979 – 1991 Referent in der Justizbehörde der Freien und Hansestadt Hamburg
- 1979 – 1991 Mitglied der Hamburgischen Bürgerschaft
- 1991 – 2009 Mitglied des Europäischen Parlaments
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1964 – 1965 Exchange student at the William Penn Charter School in Philadelphia

1966 Graduation at the Martino-Katharineum in Braunschweig

1966 – 1968 Military service

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1974 – 1978 Member of the city district council of Hamburg-Center

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1975 – 1978 Attorney-at-law and doctoral candidate (1980 doctorate in jurisprudence)

1976 – 1978 Political adviser at the State Justice Department of Hamburg

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