

MEETING SUMMARY

ENCASIA WORKING GROUP 5 (PEER REVIEWS)

BRUSSELS, ON 29 JANUARY 2013

WG5 met to develop the future ENCASIA Peer Review system. The United Kingdom chaired the meeting with the participation of France, Germany, the Netherlands, Malta and the European Commission. Spain could not attend for budgetary reasons. In total, there were 8 participants (1 FR, 1 DE, 1 NL, 1 UK, 1 MT and 3 COM).

Note: IT and IS should join WG5 for the next teleconference

The Peer Review system that was set up in the Air Traffic Management (ATM)/Air Navigation Services (ANS)/National Supervisory Authorities (NSA) was presented with emphasis on the lessons learned. It was followed by a presentation given by NL on how Peer Reviews were carried out within the Dutch Safety Board.

The meeting discussed many points to be considered in developing a Peer review system, such as the main objectives, the identification of actors and stakeholders, resources, logistics.

WG6 developed and agreed a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) to be presented to the ENCASIA Chairman during the upcoming plenary meeting. Regarding the objectives of Peer Reviews, the Commission considered that peer reviews represent an important tool to ensure that the Regulation (EU) No 996/2010 is well implemented throughout the Union. The outcome of Peer Reviews could be actionable by the Commission and thus should be quite powerful to implement Regulation (EU) No 996/2010.

The Chairman proposed a strategy of adopting a top-down approach broken down into a number of stages, based on a straw paper that would be circulated so that the group could then collectively discuss. It would comprise the following activities:

1. Determine the objectives of the Peer Review
2. Definition of a Peer Review
3. Resources
4. Scope
5. Frequency of Peer Reviews
6. Identify the benefits of a Peer Review and how the findings may be used
7. Identify the advantages and disadvantages in carrying out Reviews on groups of SIAs and single SIA

The development of the Peer Review system would be an iterative process dependent on the available resources, which would have an impact on its scope and frequency.

The aim would be to submit options to ENCASIA to enable them to determine the preferred way ahead.