Conclusions of the High Level Conference on the Implementation of the Single European Sky
Budapest, 3 and 4 March 2011

"BUDAPEST CHARTER" - Summary

The High-Level Conference on the implementation of the Single European Sky took place at Budapest on 3 and 4 March 2011 and was jointly organised by the Vice-President of the European Commission, Mr Siim Kallas and the Minister of State for Infrastructure, Ministry of National Development of Hungary, Mr Pál Völner.

The Conference was widely attended by about 300 participants from the EU and non-EU aviation community.

Speakers representing the key stakeholders suggested short and long-term proposals for the implementation of the Single European Sky. These are consolidated in the "Budapest Charter" defining concrete measures and calling for the commitment of all relevant stakeholders.

With special regards to the expected summer delays, the following top ten measures were identified:

- The European Commission should ensure that the Network Manager starts to operate urgently on a provisional basis;
- Member States should encourage delegation of ATS to air navigation service providers of neighbouring States to tackle ATS tasks exceeding air traffic controllers capacity;
- Functional airspace blocks should foster standardisation of their systems, for instance through common procurement and through coordination of the system upgrades;
• Functional airspace blocks are invited to develop effective cooperation with their neighbouring FABs and third countries;

• National Supervisory Authorities should address resource shortages through pooling or preferably integrating their manpower, structures and expertise, primarily at FAB level;

• Air navigation service providers should anticipate possible capacity crunch and cooperate with the Network Manager or other air navigation service providers with a view to mitigate the negative impact;

• Social partners should contribute to the development of proposals on controllers’ mobility;

• Airports should consider possible ways to enhance ground capacity;

• Airspace users are encouraged to make use of all available capacity in an optimal manner;

• European institutions are invited to enhance their cooperation in order to create synergies and make the best use of their respective expertise.

Participants to the Conference invited next EU Presidencies to assess the progress made on the concrete measures proposed above and if necessary to review this Charter.