

Institutional Matters

Various actors have tried to resolve the problems of European air traffic management over the years. One consequence of this has been that there are currently competing actors at EU and broader European level, with overlapping responsibilities causing poorly co-ordinated projects, regulations and implementation of new concepts of operations.



As part of the SES2+ package the Commission has discussed a more rational division of work with the Eurocontrol organisation and the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), to ensure each organisation can focus on its relative strengths:



Legal background

The first Single European Sky legislation established EU competences on air traffic management. The European Parliament and Council adopted the four basic regulations in 2004 in what is known as the "**SES I package**". The legislative package adopted in 2004 comprised four basic regulations, which reinforced safety and fostered the restructuring of European airspace and air navigation services:

I. The Framework Regulation (EC No 549/2004) - laying down the framework for the creation of the Single European Sky.

II. The Service Provision Regulation (EC No 550/2004) - on the provision of air navigation services in the Single European Sky.

III. The Airspace Regulation (EC No 551/2004) - on the organisation and use of airspace in the Single European Sky.

IV. The Interoperability Regulation (EC No 552/2004) - on the interoperability of the European Air Traffic Management network.

One regulation on the Single European Sky 2+

This framework is today supplemented by more than 20 lower level Implementing Rules and Community Specifications ("technical standards") adopted by the European Commission. The four Regulations adopted in 2004 were revised and extended in 2009 with Regulation (EC) 1070/2009 aiming at increasing the overall performance of the ATM system in Europe ("**the SES II Package**").

The purpose of the current **SES 2+ initiative** is to fine tune and finalise some elements of the SES II package, but retain the same high-level policy objectives and choices. In addition, the SES II+ package will simplify the legislation by eliminating certain overlaps in the existing framework.

