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Air traffic control organisations eager to help get flights moving
CANSO calls for co-ordinated airspace safety assessment

The Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO), the global voice of Air Traffic Management, has stressed that its members are eager to help with a resumption of flights across Europe as soon as possible. But it has also warned that air traffic control had to take advice from aviation safety experts in each country before flights could resume.

Graham Lake, Director General of CANSO, commented, “Air Traffic Control organisations are eager to help get flights moving as soon as possible, and we welcome the test flights currently underway. The flights will help to assess the situation. But it is important to remember that this is a Europe-wide issue - a successful test flight in one country does not mean that the airspace system can be opened up immediately. These flights are a useful canary in the coal mine but we must remember that the airspace and weather is dynamic and changing hour-by-hour. Only a co-ordinated, Europe-wide safety assessment will enable the aviation system to get moving again and we are working hard with the authorities and governments to secure that.”