ESTONIA APPLIES FOR EUROCONTROL MEMBERSHIP

Estonia is the only European Union Member State that is not yet a EUROCONTROL Member - but this could well change on 1st January 2015.

Estonia signed a Declaration of Intent to accede to EUROCONTROL in June 2013. Six months later, a delegation from EUROCONTROL met the Estonian Minister for Economic Affairs and Communications, Juhan Parts, to discuss the next steps in detail.

Mr Parts has written to the President of EUROCONTROL’s Permanent Commission, informing him that the Republic of Estonia has decided to submit its application to accede to the EUROCONTROL Organisation.

The application will be formally submitted to the Permanent Commission this month (January 2014). EUROCONTROL’s 40 Member States have to approve the application unanimously. Following this the next step will be for Estonia to ratify the legal instruments and then deposit them with the Belgian government, as is customary.

If all goes according to plan, Estonia will become EUROCONTROL’s 41st Member State on 1st January 2015.

Picture caption

At left, Frank Brenner, Director General of EUROCONTROL, and Juhan Parts, the Estonian Minister for Economic Affairs and Communications.