EUROCONTROL PUBLISHES SPECIFICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL COLLABORATION

On 25th September EUROCONTROL launched the Collaborative Environmental Management Specification (CEM) that sets out a unique collaborative approach to managing environmental impacts at and around airports.

Said Frank Brenner, Director General of EUROCONTROL: “The CEM Specification supports and facilitates the already considerable efforts being made by airports, aircraft operators and air navigation service providers to deal with the environmental impact of their daily operations. It formalises collaboration between these core operational stakeholders by setting out generic high-level requirements and recommended practices, necessary for setting up CEM working arrangements at an airport.”

These CEM working arrangements, described in the CEM Protocol at the heart of the Specification, support the core operational stakeholders in their awareness and understanding of the interdependencies and constraints of each other’s business as they face up to common environmental challenges. In turn, this can facilitate the development of shared environmental solutions, which they can then take further with joint planning and implementation.

Observed Luc Tytgat, Director Pan-European Single Sky of EUROCONTROL: “Environmental impacts, in general noise and emissions, remain a significant constraining factor for efficient and sustainable operations at and around airports. Since sustainable airport development is essential for improving European ATM capacity and flight efficiency there is, therefore, a much wider benefit to be achieved when addressing any constraints affecting the wider aviation sector as a whole – and the CEM Specification is very much a part of this kind of approach.”

In addition, the CEM working arrangements facilitate a robust and transparent dialogue that benefits relations between the operational stakeholders and National Regulators, local and regional authorities, land-use planning authorities, local communities (including residents’ associations) and local businesses.

CEM can help stakeholders contribute to the realisation of the Single European Sky (SES) objective on the sustainable development of the air transport system. It also plays a role in improving both air traffic management’s (ATM) and air navigation services’ (ANS) overall performance in Europe. The CEM Specification was developed in collaboration with stakeholders, including
airport operators, aircraft operators, air navigation service providers, trade associations and interested parties.

It is understood that the CEM Specification will be launched at an event at the ACI Airport Exchange Conference and Exhibition to be held from 3rd to 5th November 2014 at CNIT, Paris see www.airport-exchange.com

About EUROCONTROL
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