IMPLEMENTING CENTRALISED SERVICES:
THE CHALLENGES AND THE PROMISE IN EUROPEAN ATM

New links are being forged to unite all European ATM stakeholders in a bold collaborative venture to provide essential services for the benefit of all airspace users. This was announced by EUROCONTROL on 19 March.

Better known as centralised services, once implemented, they should make for net savings of up to €1.6 billion over ten years as overlapping ATM investments on a national basis are reduced, it is understood. By eliminating fragmentation and its consequent costs, centralised services will enhance performance in general and safety performance in particular; they will improve interoperability and ensure that Europe’s air navigation service providers (ANSPs) have access to the world’s most advanced ATM technology.

The centralised service concept should speed up the implementation process of new technology and has the potential to help Member States meet the European Commission’s targets for ATM performance improvement.

The military community’s requirements have been incorporated into each of the calls for tender and a document has been drawn up to explain how these requirements will be satisfied.

Herman Baret of EUROCONTROL commented: ‘The big challenge is to get all the stakeholders to work together. I think we have good experience in EUROCONTROL with the Network Manager because we have contact with many players, so we are well positioned to do this.’

Furthermore, it was learnt on 25 March that the Civil Military ATM Performance Framework had been approved by the Civil Military Interface Standing Committee (CMIC) at the beginning of 2015. Now, for the very first time, civil and military stakeholders agreed common performance objectives and associated performance indicators within EUROCONTROL’s capacity as a civil military intergovernmental organization.