

# ICB

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**Subject: ICB Position Paper on the evolution of Network Management**

Dear Mr Castelletti,

*Dear Maurizio,*

I have the pleasure of enclosing the ICB position paper on the evolution of Network Management which has been developed by the ICB's Institutional Sub-Group, and subsequently adopted by the Quick Response Team following ICB/61. This paper is the result of 18 months' work in the ICB on the topic.

### ICB Position Paper on the evolution of Network Management

The ICB recognises the coordination of network functions through a Network Manager, to ensure optimised use of resources, as a crucial part of realising the ICB's vision for SES. The Network Manager must support future optimisation of the network to meet, in a collaborative and impartial manner, the performance requirements set for the European ATM network and its stakeholders under the expected traffic growth.

ICB members agree that continuation of the current set-up of the Network Manager - with the designation to EUROCONTROL as a whole to carry out the role, and the dual legal basis - is not an option.

For the efficient operation and evolution of the Network Manager, the priority should be in strengthening the governance arrangements. The operational-level cooperative decision-making works well and should not change.

The Commission is asked to note the detailed principles and recommendations within this paper, which include:

- The Network Manager should deliver services as an autonomous entity with full decision-making powers, respecting the rules established in the relevant SES Framework Regulation, including work programme, budget, accounts, governance and financing.

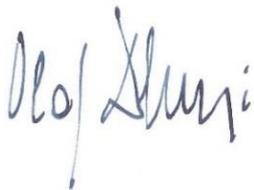
- The Airspace Users and Airport Council International (ACI) are in agreement that the future NM should be governed by an industrial partnership of operational stakeholders; the Board would then appoint the management team, and could then choose to execute network functions internally, or sub-contract them.
- CANSO and Professional Staff Associations believe that it would be premature to specify a specific model without a full evaluation of the options for industry involvement for both governance and execution of the future NM.

The ICB, through its Institutional Sub-Group, will continue its work on network management, with the following topics raised for 2017:

- Establishing a definition of the delegation/designation.
- The update of the NF IR.
- The transition to a new Network Manager.

The ICB also intends to re-visit its position on the reform of EUROCONTROL.

Yours sincerely,



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Supporting context paper