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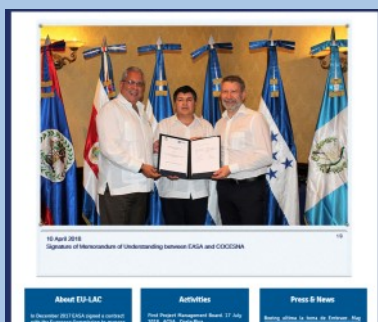
The overall objective of the EU—LAC APP project is to enhance the political, economic and environmental partnership between both regions in the field of civil aviation.

This EU-funded project will support European and Latin American interests in civil aviation, with a focus on Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Mexico, as well as on Regional Safety Oversight Organisations, such as ACSA (Central American Agency for Aviation Safety), CASSOS (Caribbean Aviation Safety and Security Oversight System) and SRVSOP (Regional Safety Oversight Cooperation System). This will be achieved by strengthening institutional links, promoting regulatory harmonisation, addressing capacity limitations and supporting environmental protection and climate action.



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All information on the upcoming events is available on our website: <https://eu-europa-easa.wixsite.com/eu-lac-app>



First Steering Committee / Project kick-off meeting



After the project was signed in December 2017, the first Steering Committee meeting took place in Brussels on February 2018.

Representatives from EASA, European Commission, European civil aviation authorities, European industry, and European Union Delegation to Brazil attended the event.

The meeting was intended to approve the project organisational set up and the indicative work plan. EASA project manager, Juan Morales, presented the key facts (budget, duration, stakeholders...), the overall/specific objectives and the expected outcome.

In addition, the work plan included a first overview of the planned activities for the region, with a strong focus on the reinforcement of institutional relations activities between LAC and the EU, technical exchanges in different domains of interest, impulse of market access for EU industry stakeholders and environmental performance and climate change actions.

Following a round of interventions, the program was approved, and consequently, the EU-LAC project was officially initiated.

Highlights

Economic Development



GROWTH. Latin America experienced a **7.5%** traffic increase in May compared to the same month last year, which was up from 6.5% growth

in April. It is the second region that increased traffic the most, just after Asia Pacific.

Latin America aviation system supports **5.2 million jobs and \$167 billion in GDP.** There is a big potential in the region, but political determination on infrastructure upgrades is required to address capacity shortfalls.

The forecasted regional demand by 2034 is 525 million passengers, roughly doubling the current numbers.

Source: IATA, ATAG.

Environment



CORSIA. The ICAO Council made important headway on the key international standards supporting the UN aviation

CORSIA scheme.

Annex 16, Volume IV, to the Chicago Convention, was adopted on 27 June 2018, just less than two years after ICAO's 192 member states achieved this historic agreement.

The new Volume establishes the framework on monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV) scheme for the collection of environmental data.

Environment is a key pillar of the EU—LAC aviation partnership project, and activities on CORSIA implementation are planned throughout the region.

Past Events

ICAO Risk Based Surveillance Workshop



On 19 and 20 March 2018, an ICAO Risk Based Surveillance Workshop took place in Lima, Peru. It was organised by the ICAO regional offices of North America, Central America and The Caribbean (NACC) and South America (SAM).

Around 120 delegates from various CAA's of the region attended the event. Experts from EASA and European National Aviation Authorities were invited to take part as speakers.

EC Ramp Inspection (SAFA) Programme Workshop



EASA International Cooperation organised a SAFA workshop in Costa Rica from 5 to 8 March, for the benefit of the Central American and the Caribbean Civil Aviation Authorities. The overall objective was to introduce the Ramp Inspections methodology to the regional inspectors.

Attendees showed high interest and participated very actively in the session.

Project Inception Preparatory Missions



The project team engaged in different missions to the various countries and regional organisations in the framework of the EU-LAC project, in order to better identify areas of possible cooperation.

The team travelled to **Chile** (12-13 February 2018), **Argentina** (15-16 February 2018), **Brazil** (19-21 February 2018), **Mexico** (5-6 March 2018), **Costa Rica** (7-9 March 2018), **Colombia** (19-20 March 2018), and **Peru** (21-22 March 2018).

Also the SRVSOP (Regional Safety Oversight Cooperation System) office in Peru and ACSA HQ in Costa Rica were visited.

Upcoming Activities

Activity	Dates
EU—LAC First Project Management Board	17 July 2018

→ First Project Management Board to meet in San Jose

The project management board members will gather the 17 of July 2018 to discuss the project work plan and officially inaugurate the implementation period of the project that will include different activities and events for the benefit of all the involved stakeholders.

EASA News

EP approves the New Basic Regulation



On 12 June 2018, the European Parliament Plenary gave the final approval to the new Basic Regulation (NBR). Next step will be the approval by the Council, expected by June/July.

Aiming to improve the performance of EU Aviation system and make it best prepared for the challenges of the future, the NBR will foster a better use of our limited resources, close gaps and inconsistencies, provide a flexible and performance based system and offer a better governance of EASA.

It is expected that it will enter into force by September/October this year.

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