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Aviation: Commission adopts proposal on how to prepare for next stage of the SESAR programme

The European Commission has adopted today a communication on how to prepare the move from the development to the deployment stage of the Single European Sky Air Traffic Management Research Programme (SESAR). The proposal focuses on establishing appropriate governance and incentive mechanisms to enable the achievement of the performance objectives of the Single European Sky.

The Single European Sky initiative sets out to put an end to the current fragmentation of the European airspace and will result in tripling current air traffic capacity, improving safety by a factor of ten, while halving air traffic management costs and reducing the environmental impact of each flight by 10%.

The Communication, which was prepared at the request of the council, is the result of a broad consultation process with stakeholders. The proposal describes how effective deployment will depend on the Commission exercising strong political oversight; an effective deployment manager through a binding industrial partnership; and an efficient management within each individual implementation project.