



Malta

For a country of 429,00 inhabitants, business aviation in Malta is promising. The country has a fleet of 133 based aircraft and sees 4,462 movements per year. The business aviation industry contributes € 511 million in output, providing a healthy yearlong activity that doesn't fall prey to the seasonal character of other Mediterranean markets.

For many years the Maltese ministry for aviation has made it a priority to attract and accommodate business aviation, which may explain some of the strengths of the Maltese CAA, an authority that is often noted for its responsiveness to operator needs. They are slightly understaffed, especially considering the expected growth of Maltese Business Aviation Industry, however in a meeting prior to the roundtable they noted that they are actively recruiting.

Maltese operators have been under intense scrutiny and have thus acquired expertise on handling the ramp checks and keeping their crews updated and ready to handle any issues. The point system in particular has been mentioned and more specifically the process through which the point system could be adapted to the Business Aviation Industry needs.





Access to airports is another issue for business aviation in Malta. In an air transportation infrastructure is principally designed for airlines, business and general aviation traditionally operates at the margins of the system, which causes capacity constraints as well as organizational, financial, environmental and security issues.

In particular with increased traffic expected from low cost airlines in Malta there is the issue of aircraft parking a Malta International Airport, which may soon become more pronounced.

As a result of this, the participants agreed to initiate a working group on business aviation access at Malta International Airport. This would include all of the main stakeholders; the CAA, Department of Transport, Airport Authority, operators and handlers. Its aim

would be to secure business aviation access for a defined future period.

To conclude, the relationship between Maltese operators and the CAA can serve as an example to other countries. MBAA and EBAA are closely monitoring the potential issues and are committed to reinforce the channel of communication with the Transport Malta Civil Aviation Directorate and the European Authorities.

This report is based on a meeting 23 representatives from Maltese business aviation operators, suppliers, and the Malta Civil Aviation Authority.

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