

PRESS STATEMENT

Business aviation joins forces with all EU aviation actors to create the airspace of tomorrow

Brussels, 11 September 2019. Today the European Business Aviation sector signed the joint declaration on the Future of the European Sky, renewing its commitment to the Single European Sky and improving the European airspace.

At today's High-Level Conference "[Digital European Sky](#)", organised by the European Commission and the Finnish Presidency, EBAA alongside 20 EU aviation stakeholders agreed to collectively intensify efforts to fully implement the Single European Sky (SES) initiative.

Signing the declaration, **EBAA Secretary-General Athar Husain Khan** said: *"We are happy that the joint declaration for the Future of the Single European Sky aims all noses in the same direction: delivering the efficient and sustainable European airspace we all deserve. The future Air Traffic Management (ATM) system should be inclusive, because one size does not fit all."*

In addition to easing passenger delays unseen in decades, implementing the SES initiative can help mitigate climate change by cutting 18 million tonnes of CO2 annually in Europe alone.

Moving forward, the successful implementation of the Single European Sky initiative will require the development of a clearer governance structure, outlining key responsibilities between the EU Institutions, Member States and industry stakeholders. It should also build upon interoperable, current and new technologies and aircraft capabilities.

We urge the EU Institutions and Member States to consider the steps necessary to achieving the goals of the Single European Sky, assessing their potential impact, costs and benefits. Finally, we call on the European institutions to simplify the regulatory framework and institutional set-up to make the European ATM system fit for the future.

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About EBAA

The European Business Aviation Association (EBAA) is the leading organisation for operators of business aircraft in Europe. Our mission is to enable responsible, sustainable growth for business aviation, enhance connectivity and create opportunities. EBAA Works to improve safety standards and share knowledge, to further positive regulation and to ease all aspects of closely tailored, flexible, point to point air transportation for individuals, governments, businesses and local communities in the most time-efficient way possible.

Founded in 1977 and based in Brussels, EBAA represents more than 730 members companies, corporate operators, commercial operators, manufacturers, airports, fixed-based operators, and more, with a total fleet of more than 1,000 aircraft. We provide more than 50 products and services to the business aviation community, including the European Business Aviation Convention & Exhibition (EBACE), Europe's largest business aviation trade show.

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