The technical training is now underway in the areas of aviation safety, security, and dangerous goods and environment.

This training will be carried out in Kiev, Tbilisi and Almaty. It will be followed by a programme of management training for senior Ministry and Aviation Authority personnel. Two study tours will be arranged to airports outside the beneficiary countries.

**ENVIRONMENT UPDATE**

Aviation ETS seminar which was organised in Istanbul 14–15th December 2009 as part of TRACECA project attracted more than 50 participants. Although COP15 in parallel, the attendance from TRACECA Beneficiaries to ETS seminar provided to make a successful event. To pass the crucial information; EU officials related to ETS, the top 2 ETS representatives from international airlines organisations (IATA, TAROM), and expert consultants (SABRE, SITA, DLR, Lufthansa Consulting) provided unique information on the implementation of aviation ETS.

The seminar was welcomed as a big success by participants and speakers. It provided detailed information about the necessary implementation process and how the Reporting Member States are dealing with the issue. Two days seminar provided both high level (during Day 1) and technical level (during Day 2) information to beneficiaries. Presentations were a key tool to understand and create knowledge awareness for the ETS. Specific page in the TRACECA website is created to transfer the knowledge including both days’ presentations (http://www.tracecaaviation.org/ets-seminar.html). In addition technical ETS guidebook is prepared and distributed to Seminar participants.

**SECURITY UPDATE**

The security and dangerous goods training is now all planned and will commence at the end of March.

The current topic causing the most concern in both the EU and beneficiary countries is the introduction of “Body scanners” which are millimetric wave x-ray machines. These machines are already in use in some countries and have the big advantage of being able to screen a passenger without the need for removing coats, shoes, belts etc but they also bring with them problems relating to privacy issues and human rights concerns.

One of the beneficiary countries is introducing this system and the security core team member is involved in the process and will make a presentation on all the issues surrounding these devices at the next steering committee meeting.

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We are delighted to present the 1st issue of “TRACECA Civil Aviation Info” which will be published twice a year in Russian and English. In this newsletter we are committed to keep you informed about developments in the TRACECA Civil Aviation Project.

Over the past 12 months we have visited all the TRACECA beneficiary countries to set up close cooperation with their National Co-ordinators andarrumational stakeholders involved in the TRACECA region. We were warmly received in all the countries and heartened by the interest shown by all in this project. We were also very grateful for the friendship and hospitality extended to us.

We have already commenced the training phase of the project and technical training in the areas of Safety, Security and Environment will be delivered until the end of this year.

We hope that you enjoy reading this newsletter and invite you to play a part in its development and look forward to any comments you may wish to make.

M. Bujnowski, A. Celikel, P. Cooper

**TRACeCA Civil Aviation Project**

TRACECA Civil aviation, safety, security and environment project is funded by the EU under the regional TRACECA Programme and focuses on standards and regulations in aviation. The TRACECA programme promotes the connection of the international transport TRACECA corridor into Pan-European Corridors and Trans-European Networks (TEN-T) among its beneficiary countries, including Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.

Air Transport plays an important role for the TRACECA countries. Distances between major international centres for many of the TRACECA countries are large, and there is a potential for an increase in passenger transportation, international trade, tourism and services, as well as in regular cargo services. However, in order to develop this potential countries in the TRACECA corridor, including the project partners, need effective and efficient institutional capacity and organisational competence in order to fulfil safety, security and environmental requirements according to international civil aviation standards. To achieve this the project aims to provide a thorough understanding of relevant EU aviation requirements to avoid countries being subject of operational restrictions.

The TRACECA civil aviation project is intended to give substantial support to the implementation of safety, security and environment measures of civil aviation transport in the TRACECA countries. The objectives of the project are in line with the external transport policy of the European Community in the field of civil aviation. The project is aiming at strengthening relations with the countries in Central Asia and at integrating neighbouring countries into Pan-European aviation structures. The project is also to help beneficiary countries to accept the implications of the EU internal aviation market in their bilateral aviation relations with EU Member States or the Community and major regulatory aspects in the spheres of air safety, security and environment. The project can also serve as a platform for promotion of advanced European standards and practices in aviation, while contributing in better regional cooperation.

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**Mr Hans RHEIN**

Delegation of the European Union to Ukraine.
Head of Operation Section Energy, Transport and Environment

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The project is about strengthening knowledge and skills of those people who are responsible for ensuring safety and security in air transport as well as the applications of an environmentally friendly approach in aviation. The project will carry out the series of training sessions in specific fields of safety, security and environment, while upgrading qualifications in personnel in civil aviation authorities. To measure the impact we will be challenging those beneficiary countries have different agendas in the development of their aviation sectors.

I would like also to underline both the complexity and dynamics of the EU economic and regulatory landscape of air transport and particular project design, uniting under the project umbrella countries with different civil aviation sectors. Nonetheless, the most important issue is that the project will contribute to the improvement of aviation safety and security in the beneficiary countries. By doing so, it should also assist each partner country with providing solutions to specific problems and at the same time encourage regional cooperation among all participating countries.

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A programme implemented with the financial support of the European Union
provide guidance on the major areas of focus. It is chaired by the European Commission and is composed of representatives of International Organisations, Member States as well as National TRACeCa Coordinators and the core team.

The first steering committee meeting was held in Kiev on 25th February 2010.

**ASSESSMENT PHASE**
Each of the nine beneficiary countries was visited by the core team of experts to gain an understanding of the current situation regarding civil aviation.

The purpose was to identify areas where training and technical assistance could be provided in safety, security and environment. Each mission lasted between 2 and 6 days and meetings were held with all the relevant stakeholders and visits made to airports and aviation institutions.

**ASSESSMENT MISSION SCHEDULE**

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In the context of the TRACeCa programme a Civil Aviation Safety, security and environment project was launched by the European Commission in February 2009. The project will provide technical and capacity-building assistance to the beneficiary countries civil aviation structure in order to:
- Introduce personnel working in the areas of safety, security and environment to the requirements of international conventions and the standards set by the EU/EASA (European Aviation Safety Agency), and ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organisation).
- Provide aviation personnel with improved knowledge, skills and capacities in the relevant technical sectors.
- Prepare the authorities of the beneficiary countries to optimise the use of resources where relevant.
- Promote closer regional cooperation between the aviation administrations of the beneficiary countries to optimise the use of resources where relevant.
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**OPENING SEMINAR**
On 27 and 28 October 2009 a seminar was held at the Hotel Rus in Kiev with invitations being sent to the representatives of all the beneficiary countries. The seminar was well attended and judged by all to have been worthwhile and informative.

The opening address was given by Mr Zhantor Satybaldiyev, Secretary General of the TRACeCa secretariat.

There were then inputs from the core team in the areas of Safety, Security and Environment covering the latest legislation, processes and procedures in these fields. This also involved a number of outside speakers who gave presentations in their area of expertise covering such diverse topics as cargo explosives detection systems, Emission trading scheme requirements and the implications of Advance Passenger Information Systems.

The seminar attracted media interest and a press conference was held and TV coverage of the event broadcast.

The event also had the effect of promoting closer regional cooperation between the beneficiary countries aviation administrations.