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1. Introduction

Venue

The EU TRACECA Civil Aviation Project II Opening event took place in Kiev, Ukraine on the 14-16 of February 2012.

Attendance

Over 60 participants visited the event. The meeting was attended by 39 representatives of 9 beneficiary States and by observers from EC, invited guests from ICAO, EASA, TWINNING Project and TRACECA Permanent Secretariat. The list of participants is given in **Appendix 1**.

Programme management and core team

The Opening event presided by Mr. Kakhi Kvatashidze, Project Team Leader, and it was assisted by Ms. Svitlana Didkivska, the Sector Manager of the Delegation of the EC to Ukraine, Mr. Thibault Raison, Project Manager, Mr. Peter Cooper, Security Expert, Mr. Jorg Guesnet, Project Legal Expert and Ms. Olesya Tatarnikova, Referent on main activity.

2. Welcome speeches (EU Delegation / TRACECA/Ukrainian SAA)

Mr. Kvatashidze welcomed participants and gave a floor to Mr. Oleksandr Hrechko, First Deputy Chairman in State Aviation Administration of Ukraine.

Mr. Hrechko welcomed all invited guests and admitted that TRACECA Civil Aviation Project I was extremely efficient for Ukraine. He expressed his appreciation to European Commission to Ukraine, the Project management, as well as to the Governments of the beneficiary countries. Mr. Hrechko expressed his confidence that the starting project would have a positive influence on the subsequent improvement of the supervision and control of aviation security in beneficiary countries, and pay attention to the economic organization of air traffic control market access for air travel and work and the rights of air passengers.

Economic component of the TRACECA Project II is very important for Ukraine's European integration process and the subsequent conclusion of the Agreement on the Common Aviation Area between Ukraine and the EU.

Sharing of experience with experts from the Project and the beneficiaries will be very useful for Ukraine from the point of finding ways to resolve the remaining outstanding issues.

Therefore, the start of the component "Safety", which will be implemented by the European Agency for Aviation Safety (EASA), is forthcoming.



Mr. Hans Rhein, Head of Operations Section 3 "Development related to infrastructure (energy, transport) and environment" of the Delegation of the EC to Ukraine, gave a short description of the TRACECA Civil Aviation Project which will deal with security, economic oversight, Air Traffic Management and environment for ENPI and Central Asian Countries and will be linked to the project covering aviation safety and being implemented by EASA directly. The overall objective of the project is to support the sustainable development of civil aviation in the beneficiary countries.

Project Team Leader gave a floor to Mr. Eduard Biriucov, Secretary General of Permanent Secretariat IGC TRACECA. He welcomed the seminar participants and pointed out that period of the project coincides with the final stage of implementation of the current IGC TRACECA strategy until 2015, according to which the MLA Parties will pay special attention to ensure maximum utilization of air transportation opportunities and stimulate the development of passenger traffic. General Secretariat expects that the training materials, study tours, project support materials for training and other activities will be regularly posted on the website of TRACECA. Also, it is necessary to enhance cooperation project with the National Secretariats and the Permanent Secretariat to ensure close coordination of activities under the project on civil aviation security.

Mr. Victor Kourenkov welcomed participants on behalf of ICAO being a Regional Officer. He gave the main ideas of ICAO influence to Civil Aviation development and assured with full ICAO support to TRACECA Civil Aviation Project beneficiary countries in harmonizing regulations and working practices to comply with international ICAO standards.

3. Presentation of the seminar agenda

Mr. Kvatashidze proposed the Agenda for the guests' consideration putting stress on round table discussions and main disciplines such as ATM, Security, Market Access, Environment, Social aspects and Consumer protection. The seminar participants agreed the agenda for organizing the work of the Opening event. The Agenda is given in **Appendix 2**.

4. Introduction of the Project, the consortium and the Team

Mr. Thiabult Raison, TRACECA Civil Aviation II Project Director introduced the consortium and the Team in his presentation which as given as Appendix 3.

The main objectives of the project were delivered by the project Team Leader in the Appendix 4 document.



5. Presentations

All presentations in ATM, Environment, and Market Access, Social aspects and Consumer protection and Security used during the Opening events are given in English and Russian languages as Appendixes 5-9.

6. Round tables

3days TRACECA Civil Aviation Opening seminar was attended by the specialist from the beneficiary countries, Short term experts and by the Project representatives according to such topics for discussions:

- ATM and Security in Central Asian Countries, such as Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan;
- ATM, Security, Environment, Market Access, Social aspects and Consumer protection for ENPI countries that is Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine.

7. Summary-Conclusion

Short summaries of discussions during round tables discussions were proposed by the short term experts during summary conclusion on 3rd day of meeting.

All topics discussed during the last session of the TRACECA II Opening Event were proposed to the guests in short summaries viewing (APPENDIX 10). More details on round tables discussion will be lighted out in the Experts reports in the nearest time and they will be included in EU TRACECA Civil Aviation Project II Inception Report.