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Belgocontrol and ANA Lux strengthen cooperation

This morning Belgocontrol and ANA Lux signed a Memorandum of Understanding. In that way, the national air navigation service providers of Belgium and Luxembourg further develop their collaboration.

Currently Belgocontrol is already managing air traffic in a part of the Luxembourg airspace (between 14,500 and 24,500 feet) and there are other cooperation initiatives that exist between the two ANSPs. Some have been ongoing for some considerable time and other forms of operational cooperation have only been concluded recently. In order to harmonize all of those initiatives, Belgocontrol and ANA Lux decided to conclude an overarching cooperation agreement. Today both companies formally put that cooperation agreement on paper in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding.

In the agreement, various domains are summed up in which ANA Lux and Belgocontrol reinforce one another, such as Continuous Descent Operations (green landings), flight procedure design, meteorological services, safety, contingency, exchange of radar data, the joint representation on international fora,... The MoU is an agreement in principle; specific agreements per theme or domain establish the concrete undertakings.

In that way, Belgium and Luxembourg strengthen their historical cooperation. The commitment also complements the objectives of the Single European Sky, the cooperation agreement between all European air navigation service providers.

Johan Decuyper, Belgocontrol CEO: "An important element in the strategy of Belgocontrol is to conclude partnerships so as to further maintain our position in international aviation. Belgium and Luxembourg have a longstanding tradition of cooperation, which we wish to strengthen. This agreement makes Belgocontrol and ANA Lux strong players in a constantly evolving and increasingly competitive international sector."

About Belgocontrol

Belgocontrol is an autonomous public company, created in October 1998, with the mission to guarantee the safety of air navigation in the airspace for which Belgium is responsible. Its zone of activities extends from ground level (at Brussels Airport and the airports of Antwerp, Charleroi, Liege and Ostend) to flight level 245 (8,000 meters)

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above Belgium and from flight levels 145/165 to 245 for the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. The EUROCONTROL centre in Maastricht is responsible for the area above 8,000 metres, and jointly manages the air traffic of the upper airspace of Belgium, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and the western part of Germany.

About FABEC

The restructuring of the European airspace into functional airspace blocks (FAB), in which the European member States are involved, is one of the most visible results of the European Single Sky regulations adopted in March 2004. Although Switzerland is not a EU member, the country also participates in the Single Sky project. Belgocontrol, the Belgian air navigation service provider, as well as its counterparts in Germany, France, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and Switzerland constitute the member states of FABEC, which aims to improve efficiency of air navigation in central Europe. For more information about FABEC, please visit the website www.fabec.eu.

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