

## **Eamonn Brennan takes office as Director General of EUROCONTROL**

Eamonn Brennan was appointed by the 41 Member States of EUROCONTROL to lead the organisation as its Director General from 1 January 2018. This was reported from EUROCONTROL HQ in Brussels at the beginning of the year.

Before joining EUROCONTROL Eamonn Brennan was the Chief Executive of the Irish Aviation Authority (IAA) where he was responsible for the provision of Air Traffic Management (ATM) services in Irish controlled airspace, aeronautical communications on the North Atlantic, and Air Traffic Control at the major Irish Airports, as well as the safety and security regulation of the Irish civil aviation industry.

He has worked as a management and training consultant in London, Kuala Lumpur and South East Asia, working on projects for the private sector, the World Tourism Organisation and the European Commission, amongst others.

Eamonn Brennan has held many leading roles in the Air Traffic Management industry, including:

- Member of the Executive Board of the Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO) from 2005 to 2011; he served as Global Deputy Chairman and Chairman
- Served as Chairman of the COOPANS Alliance Board (Austria, Croatia, Denmark, Ireland and Sweden), a fully harmonised ATM system
- Board member of Aireon LLC, a space-based Air Traffic Management surveillance partnership with Iridium (US), ENAV (Italy), NAV Canada, Naviair (Denmark) and the Irish Aviation Authority
- Board member and Chairman of Entry Point North, a leading joint aviation training company of Denmark, Ireland and Sweden
- Served as Chairman of EURCONTROL's Air Navigation Services Board (ANSB)
- Member of the Borealis Alliance Board, an industry-wide partnership of nine northern European ANSPs
- Project Director for the Airline Group's successful bid for NATS shareholding.

Eamonn Brennan has over 35 years' experience working across three continents, in over 25 countries, in both the public and private sector. He has played a central role in the development of aviation policy both in Ireland and abroad. He keenly supported the implementation of the Single European Sky programme, working closely with the EU, EC, EASA, EUROCONTROL and SESAR.

Commenting on his new role, Eamonn Brennan said: *'EUROCONTROL is a hidden gem in Europe, with privileged contacts with the military, its member states, aviation partners and international organisations. I am determined to convince our stakeholders that we bring value. I want to involve them more but with a tighter focus. I am going to make sure that EUROCONTROL works more efficiently and that what it does is what is actually wanted.'*

*'I want to maintain a very positive relationship with the European institutions and agencies as well as working with non-EU states. My ambition is to see air traffic management done in a pan-European way but without duplication.'*

### **Europe's Network Manager handles record levels of traffic in 2017**

It was announced from Brussels earlier in January that in 2017 EUROCONTROL, which has been nominated as Network Manager by the European Commission, handled 10.6 million flights, an increase of 4.4% over 2016, which was also a record year.

This is equivalent to over 29,000 flights per day with a peak figure of 35,937 on 30 June.

The Network Manager works with its partners across Europe to make sure that the traffic can flow as safely and efficiently as possible. Joe Sultana, the Director NM, commented: *'2017 was an exceptionally busy year with some significant challenges such as weather and industrial action. The Network Manager's role is to ensure the levels of traffic demand can be accommodated safely, efficiently and with the minimum impact on the environment. Meanwhile, we have also been working with the European Commission to deliver the organisational changes requested for our renomination.'*

The Network Manager (part of EUROCONTROL and entrusted by the European Commission to perform the Network Functions of the Single European Sky) manages air traffic management network functions (airspace design, network planning, flow management) as well as scarce resources (transponder code allocations, radio frequencies). It works in collaboration with airspace users, as well as the airports and air navigation service providers in

EUROCONTROL's 41 Member States and two Comprehensive Agreement States.

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