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**Invitation to participate in the Stakeholders' Consultation Platform of the SESAR Deployment Manager**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The SESAR Deployment Manager is committed to represent and associate operational stakeholders that are required to implement Common Projects in line with Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 409/2013.

As a foundation for regular and open dialogue, a robust Stakeholders' Consultation Platform will be established to assure operational stakeholders' buy-in and commitment in accordance with the coordination and synchronisation efforts of the SESAR Deployment Manager.

The Stakeholders' Consultation Platform will consist of two levels, a Steering Group and the following three Thematic Sub-Groups:

1. TMA/En-Route
2. G/G and A/G Communication
3. Airport Throughput

Through the Stakeholders' Consultation Platform the SESAR Deployment Manager envisages to consult and seek operational stakeholders' opinion on deliverables to the European Commission, in particular the Deployment Programme and evolutions thereof.

The Deployment Programme will provide the specification for future CEF Transport Calls for Proposals of the Innovation and Networks Executive Agency (INEA), through which the budget for SESAR Deployment will be allocated to implementation projects. In its first phase, the Stakeholders' Consultation Platform will focus on the consultation of the Deployment Programme "DP V1" to be delivered to the European Commission by June 30<sup>th</sup> 2015.

The Stakeholders' Consultation Platform shall be open to all current and future operational stakeholders in the European Air Traffic Management that are required to implement Common Projects. Based on Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 409/2013 Article 2(10), the SESAR Deployment Manager has identified four groups of operational stakeholders to be consulted: Civil Air Navigation Service Providers, Civil Airport Operators, Civil Airspace Users and Military Stakeholders.

In order to keep the Stakeholders' Consultation Platform efficient and within manageable size as well as to facilitate the coordination and alignment within each of the above-named stakeholder groups, the SESAR Deployment Manager invites stakeholders to participate in the Stakeholders' Consultation Platform through representation. Each of the above-named stakeholder groups may be present with a proposed number of nine representatives and an equal number of alternates in the Steering Group as well as in each of the three Thematic-Sub Groups. The number of nine representatives per above-mentioned stakeholder group is proposed in the Draft Terms of Reference, which are now under consultation.

The SESAR Deployment Manager encourages SDAG as acting representative of Civil Airport Operators within SESAR to support airport operators in the process of nominating representatives and an equal number of alternates to the Steering Group and the three Thematic Sub-Groups of the Stakeholders' Consultation Platform. In the nomination process, regional airport operators as well as future operational stakeholders shall be taken into consideration.

In attachment to this letter, please find the following:

- Information paper on the Stakeholders' Consultation Platform architecture and the envisaged meeting dates of the Steering Group and the Thematic Sub-Groups from April to June 2015
- Draft Terms of Reference for the Stakeholders' Consultation Platform

The stakeholders who intend to join the Stakeholders' Consultation Platform as well as the duly mandated stakeholders who intend to represent a group of operational stakeholders are kindly invited to submit their request including the names of the nominees for the Steering Group and the Thematic Sub-Groups in a letter to Massimo Garbini, the Managing Director of the SESAR Deployment Manager by April 10<sup>th</sup> 2015. Nomination letters and, where applicable, respective mandates should be sent by e-mail to the following address:  
[consultationplatform@sesardeploymentmanager.eu](mailto:consultationplatform@sesardeploymentmanager.eu)

Please ensure the availability of all nominated members to the Steering Group and the Thematic Sub-Groups for the respective meeting dates and associated background preparations as presented in the attached information paper.

Yours sincerely,

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