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To :
Mr. Henrik Hololei
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European Commission
Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport

(by email only)

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Subject: Airspace Architecture Study

Dear Mr Hololei,

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Following the presentation of the Airspace Architecture Study (AAS) by the SESAR Joint Undertaking and the Network Manager on Tuesday 5 March 2019, I'm writing to you as General Manager of the SESAR Deployment Alliance (SDA) and on behalf of the 6 Directors forming the Board of the Alliance, to volunteer for managing the implementation of the technical enablers required to turn AAS into reality. This initiative is a strong signal that SDA members, as leading European airlines, air navigation service providers and airports, are committed to make AAS happen.

Timely Pilot Common Project (PCP) implementation, in particular ATM Functionalities 5 (SWIM) and 6 (i4D), DLS and ADS-B are essential prerequisites to successful implementation of the AAS, turning potential AAS benefits into reality. Being in SESAR Deployment Manager (SDM) role for the past 4 years, SDA is therefore in a unique position to bring a decisive boost to AAS implementation.

In particular, SDM has a deep knowledge of PCP implementation planning and monitoring and could, better than any other SES body, develop a realistic AAS deployment roadmap, whilst tuning the PCP to make it "AAS supportive", in particular with respect to AAS Recommendation 2 (*"Realise the de-fragmentation of European skies through virtualisation and the free flow of data among trusted users across borders"*).

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Further, on AAS Recommendation 3 (*“Create a legal and financial framework that rewards early movers”*), the SDM, being in charge of identifying the most appropriate financing mechanisms combining public and private funding as per Implementing Regulation (EU) No 409/2013 Article 9.2.g, has gained an outstanding expertise and knowledge to support and advise the Commission.

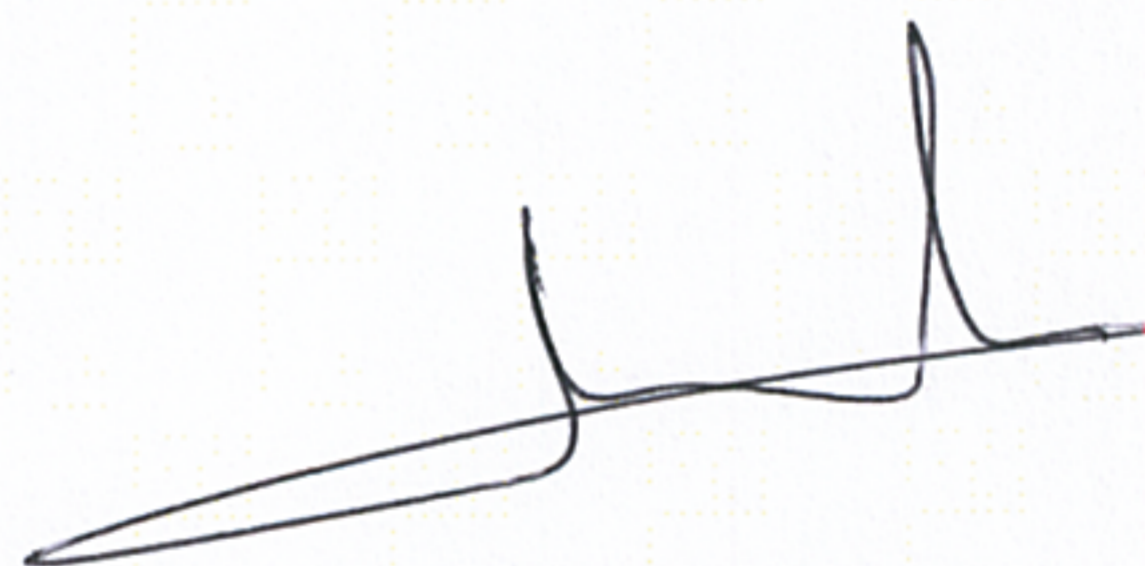
As already demonstrated with other critical implementations such as DLS and ADS-B where DG MOVE has specifically mandated SDM to recover critical situations, SDA has the required legitimacy and expertise to successfully meet top challenges thanks to its industrial nature.

Moreover, because of its unique way of connecting and consulting all ATM stakeholders via the SDM stakeholder consultation platform, SDA is also the only SES body able to assure DG MOVE with the very high level of buy-in that the timely technological implementation streams of AAS require.

Last, at the heart of Single European Sky since end 2014, SDA has developed excellent working relations with all other SES bodies, in particular the Network Manager who has a central role to play for what concerns the operational aspects of AAS implementation, in particular in the execution of AAS Recommendation 1 (*“Launch airspace re-configuration supported by an operational excellence programme to achieve quick wins”*).

I hope you will find SDA’s ambition to take up the role of AAS technical implementation manager well founded and relevant to the challenges set by AAS report. With my team, I remain available to further discuss SDA’s proposal.

Yours sincerely,

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Nicolas Warinsko

Copy: Mr Pekka Henttu - Chairman of the Wise Persons Group