

Network Directors of Operations Forum(Network DOP)
Draft Terms of Reference V0.9

INTRODUCTION

The Network Directors Operations Forum is created to provide to the Network Manager the appropriate operational interfaces to ensure that the debate and decisions at NMB level are properly prepared and that the guidance and decisions of NMB are effectively implemented.

The Network DOP is one major element of the Air Traffic Management network functions cooperative decision making processes, it will be the guaranty that network actions are coordinated with the senior operational stakeholders and together with informal meetings with airlines and airports it is foreseen as the mean to strengthen the operational partnership and the support to the NMB.

PURPOSE

The tasks of the Network Manager as defined in the COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) No 677/11 of 7.7.2011 (laying down the detailed rules for the implementation of air traffic management (ATM) network functions and amending Regulation (EU) No 691/2010) and the EUROCONTROL Directive 11/77 dated 1.9.2011 include the provision of the functions but also ATM management activities and support activities.

The governance is provided by the Network Management Board.

The **Network DOP** shall provide a broad range of balanced operational advice and commitment in matters relating to the **operations** of the European ATM network and the Network functions.

The Network DOP has for objective to prepare for the NMB and as well to address specific operational issues and be able to take under the umbrella of the NMB short-term decisions which have a direct impact on the performance of the network.

The Network DOP shall seek to ensure the commitment of the operational stakeholders at senior level, where appropriate, to the implementation of agreed outcomes, and the coherence of these with the strategies and plans of their respective organisations.

The Network Manager will as well have specific and regular contacts with airports and airlines operational managers to address specific issues.

In case of problems which would impact the performance, the Network Manager will initiate face to face meetings with the concerned actors to agree on short-term actions.

The detailed expert consultation will take place through the Teams.

ROLE

Without prejudice to the individual organisation and accountabilities, the Network DOP shall:

- Ensure that current season performance is understood and managed at strategic level to be in a position to predict where interventions will/may be necessary and to take operational decisions;
- consolidate the Network Operations Plan and the Network Manager Performance Plan (part of the NSP) to be presented for approval to the NMB;
- review consistency and feasibility between the NOP NMPP and NSP;
- make commitment for actions based on relevant accountabilities, on the expert input from the Teams and on the consolidated network information provided by the Network Manager;
- approved Enhanced Network procedures and ensure their application at the operational level inside each organisation;
- ensure a strategic network approach - Identifying specific risks to the performance of the network and act collectively to resolve the issues (reducing behaviours that focus on avoidance of blame and focusing on network benefit);
- identify the strategies to address systemic problems and deal with the consequences;
- develop recommendations for consideration by the NMB via the NM;
- implement actions decided by the NMB;
- supporting the different operational stakeholders, within the obligations that are put to them in the development and deployment of relevant systems and procedures in accordance with the European ATM Master Plan;
- consolidate the monitoring of the provision of the central functions for the coordination of radio frequencies and of the SSR transponder code allocation process (scarce resources).

COMPOSITION

The Network DOP members shall be nominated by the CEOs of the organization they belong to and shall be mandated by them to take actions and decisions.

The Network DOP will be composed of directors of operations or senior OPS managers of:

- 1 representative per ANSPs and/or FABs;
- 2 representatives for the organisations representing civil airspace users;
- 1 representative for airports and organisations representing airports;
- 1 representative for the military

and of the EUROCONTROL Agency and more precisely from the Network Manager.

European Commission will be invited as observer.

In case of discussions around specific issues, mandated representatives from inter-governmental organisations (e.g. ICAO, NATO); or other organizations could be invited.

CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson of the Network DOP will be appointed by the Network Management Board.

ORGANISATION

Meetings are organised at least three times a year aligned with NMB or if required by NMB or called by NM.

The Secretariat to the Network DOP meetings shall be provided by the Network Manager.

APPROVAL

These Terms of Reference and any amendments thereto, shall be submitted for approval to the NMB.