

## **JSPA INITIATIVE: A STEP FURTHER IN REGIONAL COOPERATION**

### ***JSPA INITIATIVE IN BRIEF***

Joint Service Provision Area (JSPA) Initiative is regional initiative aiming to further promote Single European Sky (SES) in the region of South East Europe and it represents a step towards the more successful involvement of the Western Balkan states into SES concept. Therefore, the JSPA Initiative stands for regional and inter-organisational partnership for cooperation and coordination among the Western Balkans states.

The aim of JSPA Initiative is to provide benefits for its participants and their stakeholders through agreed projects whilst creating proactive relationships between regional civil aviation authorities (CAAs) and air navigation service providers (ANSPs).

Its activities are based on real needs and possibilities, equality and utilization of existing regional resources, developed towards benefiting from common ideas, experiences and interests.

The support and participation to the JSPA Initiative is given by the members from Albania, Hungary<sup>[1]</sup>, Kosovo\*, Macedonia and Montenegro, while Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia took the observer position.

Regional Cooperation Council (Sarajevo) has helped very much to position JSPA Initiative in the SEE2020 Strategy, adopted at ministerial level of the West Balkans states, making the JSPA Initiative the only facilitator in the air transport dimension. In addition to this, ISIS II firmly supports the Initiative through joint development of a project to establish regional “NSA Pool of Experts”.

### ***JSPA INITIATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS***

Since its formal establishment in April 2013, under auspices of RCC, the JSPA Initiative strives to put into reality the agreed activities and projects.

Bearing the important role in the implementation of SEE2020 Strategy, JSPA Initiative is seen as a facilitator to further influence the development of air transportation in South East

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<sup>[1]</sup>Hungary is invited to participate, as appropriate, in the JSPA Initiative based on the temporary role allocated by NATO for the normalization of the upper airspace over Kosovo\*.

\*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

Europe. The Action Plans for the formalization of the projects, namely *Implementation of PBN Operations in SEE, Establishing NSA Pool of Experts* and *Free Route Airspace*, are underway where JSPA Initiative and RCC take active and equal role in their developments. The additional support to JSPA Initiative is given by the ESSP, the EGNOS Service Provider, which side-by-side with JSPA Initiative develops project to implement *Usage of GNSS at the SEE's airports*.

ISIS II project sees JSPA Initiative as the excellent local driving force to assist them for the tasks which they are mandated. Grouping the powers, ISIS II and JSPA Initiative are at the point to conclude on establishing regional *NSA Pool of Experts*, a project which is foreseen to deliver tremendous cost reduction to national supervisory authorities while actively promoting regional cooperation and harmonization of the NSA activities.

### ***CONTINUATION OF JSPA INITIATIVE ACTIVITIES***

With no lack of enthusiasm, the nominated personnel from regional participating organisations on a regular basis discuss, brainstorm and deliver number of ideas and project proposals in line with the JSPA Initiative *Letter of Intent's* declared objectives.

The foreseen tasks and projects, which are considered as highly beneficial, are as follows:

1. CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction project,
2. Regional PBN implementation plan,
3. Free route airspace supported by the Airspace Study,
4. Project on GNSS operational use in SEE Europe,
5. Preparation of the Multilateration (MLAT) study Project for the SEE as the result of the recommendations of the MLAT Seminar in Tirana, 10-11 April 2014,
4. JSPA-ISIS II cooperation for the "NSA Pool of Expert" project,
5. Prepare an updated Action Plan and related budget for the JSPA Initiative year 2014,
6. Prepare an optional SESAR-JSPA engagement proposal,
7. Establish cooperation with other involved entities at working level as the airports, airlines and other regional organisations based on the seminar "Air Transport as a driver for Development and Economic Prosperity in the South East Europe" in the end of May in Sarajevo. Seminar is being prepared by JSPA and RCC.

***Internal JSPA Initiative Activities aimed for better functionality:***

1. Report on the past and envisaged activities,
2. Endorse the JSPA Initiative Framework Document.

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