

***Joint Service Provision Area***

***Conference on strengthening air traffic regional cooperation in SEE***

***Sarajevo, 29 April 2013***

**CONCLUSIONS**

The Directors General of Civil Aviation Authorities as well as the Chief Executive Officers of the respective Air Navigation Service (ANS) providers of Albania, Kosovo\*, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Hungary, on 29 April 2013 signed a Letter of Intent on the Joint Service Provision Area Initiative (JSPA) in South East Europe, under the auspices of the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC). Representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia took part in the Conference, strongly supporting the initiative, and expressing intention to join the signatory parties at a later stage, following internal procedure.

By this common declaration, the signatory parties agreed to support the JSPA Initiative for the stepwise development of a Joint Service Provision Area under the agreed principles and conditions.

All participants agreed on the following conclusions:

- The JSPA Initiative Conference welcomed the Signing Ceremony of the Letter of Intent for establishing the JSPA Initiative.
- The JSPA Initiative Conference supports the efforts of the Focal Points and members of the Preparatory Team for the joint work on formulating common projects and on forthcoming activities.
- The JSPA Initiative Conference fully supports further coordination of the activities with the Regional Cooperation Council and the Implementation of the Single European Sky Programme Secretariat (ISIS), in order to avoid possible overlaps with ongoing and planned initiatives.

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\*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.

- The JSPA Initiative Conference confirmed willingness of the national and regional authorities to engage their full capacity in working towards strengthening regional cooperation in air traffic in South East Europe, with the aim of effective implementation of envisaged EU requirements, particularly in light of administrative and institutional weaknesses in the region.
- JSPA Initiative noted that some participants need further internal consultations before signing the Lol, which will therefore be available for signatures also after the Conference, and to other partners interested to join the initiative.
- The RCC supports alignment of JSPA Initiative goals with its current activities in aviation, supporting the achievement of national and regional targets defined under the SEE 2020, which will be appropriately addressed in the new EU Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA) II programme cycle.