

Facts about SEE FABA

the South East Europe Functional Airspace Block Approach

aiming at extending the Single European Sky
to the South East of Europe



Scope of the Project

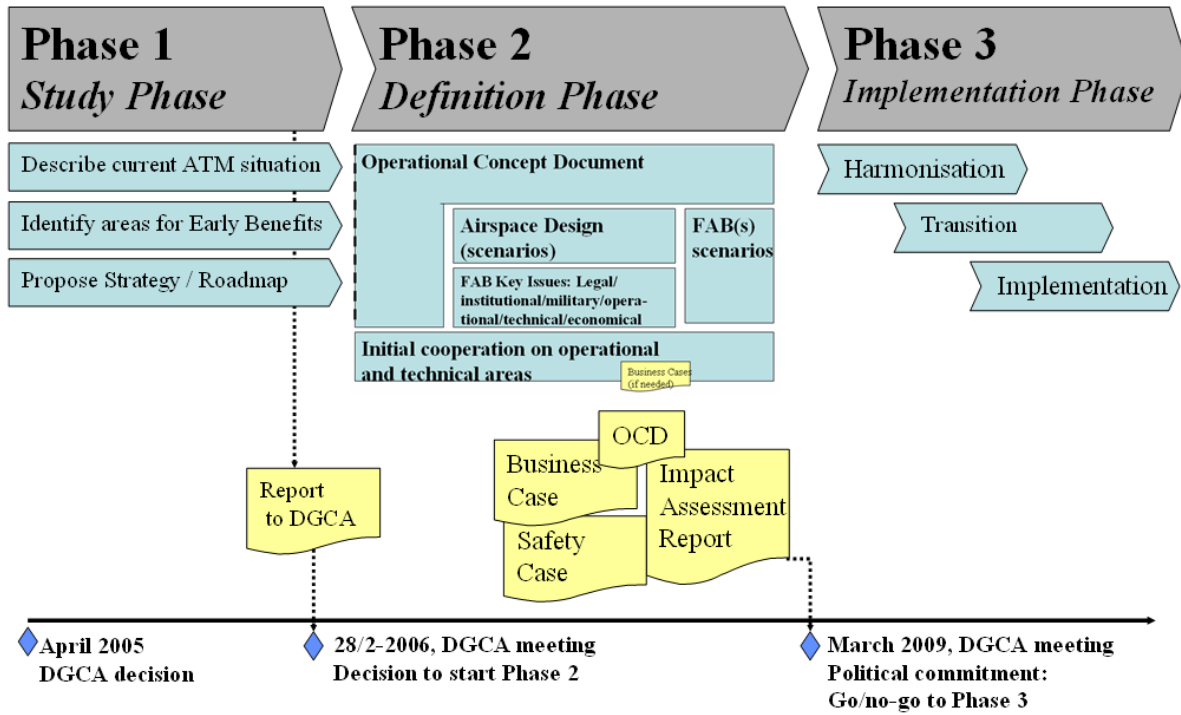
SEE FABA (the South East Europe Functional Airspace Block Approach) was launched in 2005 with the objective of implementing the Single European Sky regulations in South East Europe under the umbrella of the European Common Aviation Area (ECAA) agreement. The predicted air traffic growth in the region creates the need for a defragmentation of the airspace and the air navigation services. The creation of Functional Airspace Block is a key concept of the Single European Sky for reorganising the European airspace regardless of existing boundaries. It does not mean however that service provision should be centralized. Each FAB should follow the most suitable working arrangement under the umbrella of the Single European Sky regulations.

Members of the Project

The initiative brings together the States of the region (Albania, Bosnia–Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) along with the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK), the European

Commission and the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe and the supporting parties Greece, Italy, EUROCONTROL, the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) and NATO.

Road Map



Milestone events

1 st April 2005:	Project kick-off.
28 February 2006:	Director Generals of Civil Aviation of the SEE states approve Study Report and launch Definition Phase.
11 July 2006:	1 st meeting of the Governing Body.
21 September 2006:	1 st Stakeholder workshop.
26 February 2007:	Approval by the SEE FAB A Management Committee the SEE FAB A Project Management Plan (PMP) and the SEE FAB A Operational Concept Document (OCD)

Implementation

At the end of the Definition Phase (expected for March 2009), the SEE States will take a political decision on the implementation of one or several Functional Airspace Blocks in the region based on the deliverables of the Definition Phase.

Key principles

On 28 February 2006 the SEE states agreed to the following principles:

- The SEE FAB Approach shall be operationally driven and produce visible benefits both for the airspace users and for the ANS providers by increasing the capacity, cost efficiency and safety levels of the services provided;

- The SEE FAB Approach shall lead to a more effective manner in which ANS supervision and service provision are organised;
- The SEE FAB Approach shall respect all existing regional arrangements and initiatives and make practical use of their ongoing results;
- The existing infrastructure in the region, as well as those developments where States and ANS Providers have made commitments, shall be respected and fully considered for integration in the establishment of the FAB(s);
- Defence interests shall be safeguarded;
- As the establishment of FAB(s) is under the responsibility of the States a clear political and economic framework is required to develop and to implement the FAB(s);
- The ANS Providers should play a major role in the development and implementation of the FAB(s);
- **Active social dialogue shall be applied to support the SEE FAB(s) establishment.**

Strategy for implementation

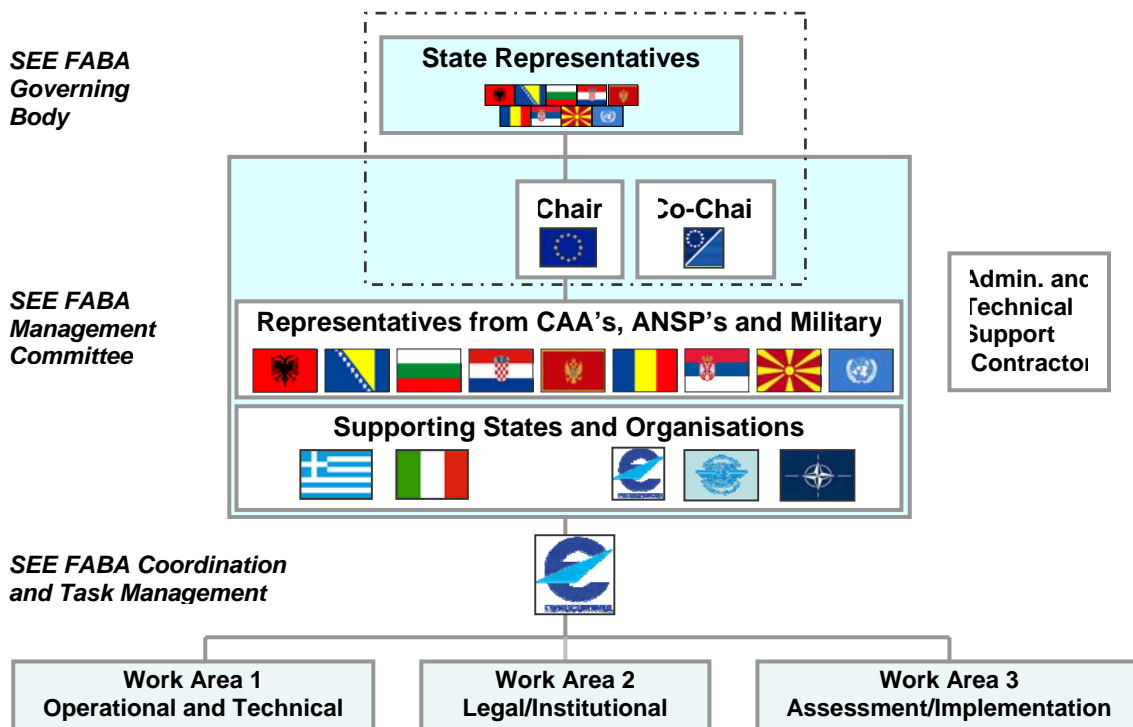
The implementation should be based on:

- A step-by-step process that will combine an operationally driven development period with political decision milestones.
- Initiation of projects leading to enhanced cooperation in the SEE region;
- An evolutionary and incremental process for the transition from the existing situation to the establishment of FAB(s);
- Practical use of ongoing regional initiatives combined with a pan-European perspective;
- National skills and competencies.

The following initiatives would provide clear benefits for all parties on short and mid-term:

- Setting up a Common Interconnected Regional Network (CIRN);
- Harmonising ATC procedures and ATCO operational training;
- Developing the cooperation between the National Regulatory Authorities / NSAs.

The Governance of the Definition Phase



Experts from the participating states shall play an important role in all work areas.

Deliverables from the Definition Phase

FAB scenarios with a preferred option, Operational Concept Document (OCD), Impact Assessment, Safety Case, Business Case.

SEE FABA receives financial support by the European Commission.

Additional information about the project can be found on:

http://ec.europa.eu/transport/air/single_sky/framework/see_faba_en.htm

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