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#### NEFAB Target Concept 2015

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#### **NEFAB 2015 Target Concept**

- NEFAB Concept of Operations (CONOPS) basis for in-depth studies and concept development
- A The NEFAB Network Plan
  - provides an elaboration and adaption of the NEFAB 2015 target concept
  - shall secure a harmonized, synchronized and timely implementation of the FAB concept of operations to be implemented and fully functional in November 2015
- A The target concept is built on individual modules which to a large degree are interrelated
- A The Target Concept is in line with European development (ATM Master Plan, Network Strategy Plan, ESSIP Plan and Interim Deployment Plan)





## NEFAB 2015 Target Concept

- Enable users preferred trajectories and a more flexible and efficient use of the airspace
- ▲ **ATS-route network maintained** and enhanced to create quick-wins and ensure connectivity to the Free Route Airspace, airports and neighboring areas
- Users will be able to flight plan their preferred trajectories based on common NEFAB FRA flight planning rules
- ▲ Sectors will be adapted to accommodate the changes in traffic flows and enhance capacity. Cross-border sectors will be introduced where required.
- ▲ The military airspace structures re-designed as required to accommodate FRA traffic flows and military user requirements.
- ASM procedures to be harmonised. Implementation of LARA ASM-tool. Flight Plan Buffer Zone Methodology (FBZ) to be introduced.



## NEFAB 2015 Target Concept

- ATFCM processes through national FMPs will be maintained in the 2015 concept. Sector configurations will be updated in real-time to the Network Manager
- Automated flight coordination and ATM-system interconnectivity enhancements will enable safe and efficient ATS-provision in FRA-environment
- A Data link implementation in two phases. The first phase will fulfill the EC Implementation Rule. In the second phase the NEFAB data link area and services will be extended to enhance safety and increase capacity (pending EC review)
- Rules, regulations and ATC-procedures adapted to support the NEFAB 2015 target concept



#### Airspace Management (ASM)

- Some military airspace structures are being redesigned and positioned to minimize the effect to the civil traffic while accommodating the MIL requirements.
- Airspace and military issues are a matter of sovereignty of the individual states. Priority rules are therefore set at state level
- Flight Planning Buffer Zones (FBZ) around areas will be defined – DCT trajectories that get too close to areas are blocked by the NM (IFPS)





## Flight Plan Buffer Zone Methodology



## Flight Plan Buffer Zone Methodology TSA FBZ TSA FRA Intermediate Point **Rejected Trajectory** Approved Trajectory AVINOR FINAVIA

## NM (IFPS) Flight Plan Checking



#### Airspace reservation process

- At D-1 military informs their request.
- AMC makes the Airspace Use Plan (AUP).
- AUP lists all the TSA's that will be active (time/flight levels).
- NM (IFPS) checks the FPL's and rejects if the trajectory penetrates the FBZ.
- If reservations change, an Updated Use Plan (UUP) will be issued.
- ATC can tactically shorten the route if possible (eg. TSA not yet active).



## Free Route Airspace - definition

A specified airspace within which users may freely plan a route between a defined entry point and a defined exit point, with the possibility to route via intermediate (published or unpublished) waypoints, without reference to the ATS route network, subject to airspace availability.

Within this airspace, flights remain subject to air traffic control.





## FRA below FL285



## FRA above FL285



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#### Effects - Before and after









#### Flight planning rules in Free Route Airspace

- If the planned trajectory takes the flight into the Free Route Airspace the flight is eligible for user preferred routing in controlled en-route airspace.
- In user preferred routing, the route may contain any significant points, NAV aids or lat/longs and DCT between these points.
- Special conditions apply when arriving and departing to/from an aerodrome.



## Free Route eligible flights - NEFAB

Eligible flights are those that have planned trajectory above:

- FL 95 in Finland, Estonia and Latvia
- FL 135 in Norway
- FL 195 in Bodö oceanic





#### Free Route eligible flights – NEFAB and DK/SE FAB common FRA

Eligible flights are those that have planned trajectory above FL285





## Flight planning rules

From	То	Remark
FRA Entry Point (E)	FRA Exit Point (X).	Flight plan DCT or via one or several
	FRA Arrival Transition Point (A).	additional points.
	FRA Intermediate Point (I).	Such an additional point can be
FRA Departure Transition Point (D)	FRA Exit Point (X).	either a NAV aid/waypoint or entered as lat/long coordinates.
	FRA Arrival Transition Point (A).	
	FRA Intermediate Point (I).	
FRA Intermediate Point (I)	FRA Exit Point (X).	
	FRA Arrival Transition Point (A).	
	FRA Intermediate Point (I).	

## Entry and Exit FRA



Flight planning example:

#### EFTU – ENGM FL300



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#### Flight planning example:









FRA

ATS Routes

Planned trajectory



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## Departing from an aerodrome

Access to FRA for departing traffic is via a <u>FRA Departure Transition Point (D).</u>

The FRA Departure Transition point is either:

- SID final waypoint or TMA Exit Point as defined in RAD Appendix 5.
- For EFHK and ENGM departures the last point on a FRA Transition Route.

From FRA Departure Transition point a DCT segment is allowed.



#### Departing from EVRA



#### Departing from EFHK



## Departing from ENGM



Flight plan route:

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#### Arriving to an aerodrome

Arriving traffic may file DCT to a <u>FRA</u> <u>Arrival Transition</u> point (A).

FRA Arrival Transition Point is either:

- STAR initial waypoint or TMA boundary point as defined in RAD Appendix 5,
- for EFHK and ENGM arrivals the first point on a FRA Transition Route



#### Arriving to EVRA



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## Arriving to EFHK



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## Arriving to ENGM



## Technical changes

- ATM system requirements are presented in NEFAB
   Network Plan.
- Multi-FIR Free Route is technically much more complex than Free Route within one FIR – all the current ATC systems are build to handle traffic via defined points at FIR boundary.
- ANSPs are responsible for the system changes signicant investments in ATC and ASM systems.
- EUROCONTROL Network Manager system have been upgraded to support Free Route concept (rel18.5)

Technical validation activities are on-going



#### Publication

- Harmonisation of publication in national AIPs based on ICAO and ERNIP guidelines
- Simplification of the text in the publications as much as possible for user friendliness
- Airspace users shall, as far as practical, be able to access relevant information related to the operations in DK/SE FAB and NEFAB FRA by using the AIPs in any states concerned
- Map of the whole FRA in all 6 states AIP





## Effects – Where to fly

In a FRA operators have the option to plan their flight trajectories with optimum cost effects based on several variables, including:

- Route length and time flown impacting fuel costs and route charges for air navigation services (unit rates)
- Winds affecting flown length and time in air and amount of fuel

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- Unit rates impacts costs per flown NM.



#### Effects - economics:

		Per day	Per year (*365)
Flights		4 785	1 746 525
Route length		-5 030 NM	-1 835 895 NM
Flying time		-828 min	-302 220 min
Fuel		-28 359 kg	-10 351 185 kg
Fuel cost		-19 446 €	-7 097 808 €
CO2		-89 620 kg	-32 711 475 kg
NOx		-393 kg	-143 463 kg
* Route length reduction	* Route length reduction Decrease for 2022 flights Increase for 107 flights (modelling errors) No change for 2656 flights (mainly those below FL285 and FRA in DK SE FAB)		

 \*\* Fuel cost reduction
 Fuel cost based on IATA

 Rate 949\$ per metric ton (4 Apr 2014)

 949\$ =
 685,7 € (16 Apr 14, Coinmil.com)









## Thank you for your attention



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