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Civil-military coordination : a new integrated organization implemented in Reims UAC for SES Core Area

The airspace in Northern France is one of the busiest and the most complex airspaces in the world. To manage a high density of General Air Traffic and Military Air Traffic, the French civil and military Authorities are working daily in an advanced collaborative manner to enhance flight safety and to optimize the use of airspace.

Regarding direct communications between civil and military controllers, DSNA and the French Air Force have successfully assessed a new more effective real-time civil-military coordination system called “A Military Coordination and Control Center (CMCC)” in Reims UAC as part of the European requirements. Beyond the installation of control military positions in the civil operations room, it allows the civil and military control methods to get closer without modifying their own responsibilities. This new system provides the military controllers with tools that offer the same functionalities as the civil tools, enhancing the efficiency and the speed of real-time coordination. A Military Control Coordination Officer is also the interlocutor of the civil supervisor, and can work on the configuration of military areas according to civil or military needs.

Frédéric Guignier, Head of Reims UAC, said : *« I welcome the excellent cooperation and the strong involvement of the civil and military teams that have enabled the success of this project. This is a major step for DSNA and also for civil-military coordination in the FABEC. With this new organization, we will better meet the needs of civil and military airspace users »*

First generation CMCCs were being also implemented in Bordeaux, Brest and Marseille ACCs since 2008. Paris ACC will test a more advanced version of the CMCC like in Reims UAC as of March 2014.

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