



Frank Brenner

Director General since January 2013.

Full biography

Frank Brenner was appointed Director General in January 2013.

Before arriving at EUROCONTROL as Deputy Director General in November 2012, Frank was General Manager Operations for FABEC, the largest of the new Functional Airspace Blocks covering Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and Switzerland.

He was also Vice Chairman of EUROCONTROL's Performance Review Commission and a member of the Performance Review Body.

Prior to joining EUROCONTROL, Frank spent most of his career in the German Air Navigation Service Provider, DFS (and its precursor organisation, BFS). Following military service in an air defence unit and taking his degree in Administrative Science, he trained as an air traffic controller.

After working first as a controller for some years, then as an expert in the Operations Department (working on inter alia the consolidation of the new ACC Berlin with the former East German ACCs), Frank became Head of ATM Operations in 1993, focusing on developing civil and military control procedures, and capacity analysis for airspace sectors and international airports.

In 1996-1997 Frank spent a period with the FAA in Washington, before returning to become Head of ATS Operations.

From 2000-2006 he was Director of Operations at the Business Unit for Aeronautical Data Management at DFS Headquarters, during which he was involved in the creation of the European Aeronautical Services Database (EAD) and the creation of a central Air Traffic Services Reporting Office (ARO) Service Centre that consolidated 17 local AROs.

From 2006-2011 Frank held the position of Director of DFS's Control Centre Business Unit, responsible for the four DFS control centres serving en-route and approach in Germany, with more than 2,500 employees (including 1,500 controllers), controlling approximately 3 million civil and military flights. During this time he chaired the DFS crisis cell set up to coordinate activities in Germany in 2010 following the eruption of Eyjafjallajökull and served as Vice Chairman of EUROCONTROL's Performance Review Commission.

Since 1 January 2013 he has been Director General of EUROCONTROL focussing on the modernisation of a Vision and Strategy for EUROCONTROL. He is Vice Chair of the SESAR Joint Undertaking Administrative Board and Member of the NEXTGEN Advisory Committee.

During his term, EUROCONTROL received the mandate to develop a number of Centralised Services supporting ATM to be provided under market conditions on a pan-European scale.

Also in his term, Georgia and Estonia joined as the 40th and 41st Member State of EUROCONTROL and agreements with Brazil, UAE and China were progressed.