

FACT SHEET

Aviation, supported by air traffic management (ATM), is a key driver of EU economic growth, jobs and trade, and essential for the life and mobility of its citizens. However, the current ATM system is highly fragmented and reliant on ageing technology, leading to inefficiencies of €4 billion annually. The role of SESAR is to define, develop and deploy what is needed and build a safer, more efficient and connected, greener ATM system for Europe in aviation and air transport.

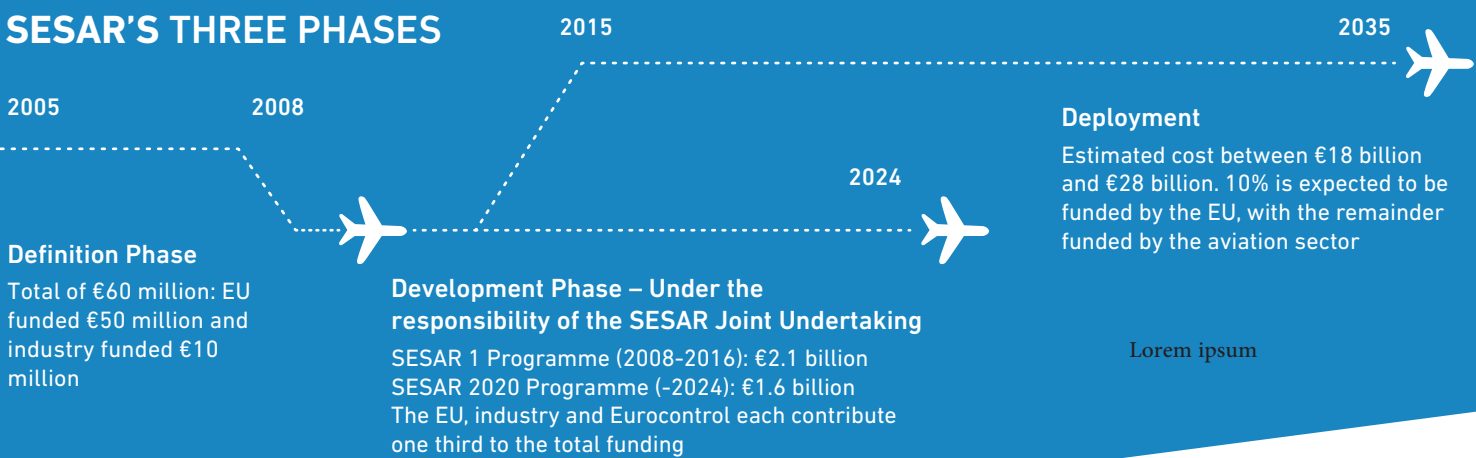


The aviation industry employs around **1.4 million** people and supports between 4.8 and 5.5 million jobs.



Aviation contributes an overall impact of **€110 billion** to the EU's GDP¹.

SESAR'S THREE PHASES



SESAR JOINT UNDERTAKING

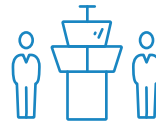
A unique public-private partnership, in place since 2007



2 founding members: EU and Eurocontrol



19 industry members



100+ companies from across air traffic management



60+ universities, research centres and SMEs



3,000 experts from aviation and ATM

OUR VISION

With SESAR, the future of air traffic management is characterised by:

Increased virtualisation, regarding provision of services irrespective of the location of physical infrastructure

Flight-centric operations, so airlines can fly their preferred routes

Integration of all aircraft into the system, including drones

Improve information sharing, creating an intranet of services and applications accessible by all aviation stakeholders

Interoperable systems, allowing connectivity of systems across borders

MILESTONES

In 2016, completion of SESAR 1 research activities and delivery of SESAR Solutions Catalogue.

In 2015, the world's first flight trial of a large civil drone integrated into commercial traffic.

The opening in 2014 of the world's first remote tower facility in Sweden. These towers can serve Europe's remote locations and boost regional economies. Sweden plans to launch another 12 remote towers in coming years. Germany and Ireland have expressed interest too.

In 2013, the SESAR JU delivered a first set of solutions selected by the European Commission for Europe-wide deployment², coordinated by the SESAR Deployment Manager. The 24 solutions to be deployed between 2015 and 2024 across Europe are expected to deliver approximately 12.1€ billion worth of performance gains for some 3.8€ billion of investments³.

The world's first flight in four dimensions (4D spatial dimensions + time) in 2012 and 2014 to enhance flight predictability and therefore punctuality and efficiency.



Conducted 300 industrial research projects



Digitisation

Remote tower & virtual tech rollout, better information exchange and cross-border collaboration, all air vehicles (including drones) integrated into Europe's airspace

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

Since its establishment, the SESAR JU and members have taken ATM research 'out of the lab' into real systems and real-life air traffic operations across Europe and internationally. They have:



350 validation exercises



30,000 flight trials



More than 90 industrial prototypes



Investment

1.4€b in R&D ((2024-2016)
3.8€b in 24 deployment solutions, EU-wide (2024-2015) generating 12.1€b in performance gains

BENEFITS

SESAR offers benefits in several key areas:



Decarbonisation

Greener flight routes, 500-250kg fuel savings per flight & 10kg per passenger



60 new or improved operational procedures and technologies (SESAR Solutions)



Dozens of exploratory projects to push the boundaries of ATM knowledge and aviation



People

Shorter travel times, better mobility & connectivity, less noise & congestion around airports, consumer savings, 4-3 times better safety SESAR Solutions Catalogue.

SESAR 2020

SESAR 2020 provides the tools and funds to meet the goals set out in the EU Aviation Strategy for a Single European Sky. It builds on the results of its predecessor, capitalising on lessons learned, and helping to forge stronger relationships and focus energy on achieving critical scale to deliver market-ready innovations in a timely, cost-effective way.

Research and innovation activities will continue under SESAR 2020, with focus on four areas:



High performing airports (estimated 25% of 2020 industrial research budget)



Advanced air traffic services (24%)



Optimised ATM network services (14%)



Enabling aviation infrastructure (37%)

The programme will create an innovation pipeline, moving ideas into industrial research and large scale demonstrations.

- €20 million will ensure the safe integration of **drones** into airspace. By 2050, drones will represent a quarter of air traffic.
- €12-15 million will address **cyber security** to ensure information can be shared securely among all stakeholders.
- €85 million will be used to fund **exploratory research** projects.

² Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 716/2014 of 27 June 2014 on the establishment of the Pilot Common Project supporting the implementation of the European Air Traffic Management Master Plan

³ Official proposal on the content of the PCP (edition 1.0), 6 May 2013, SESAR Joint Undertaking. All figures are undiscounted.