



## **Overview of the ACI EUROPE Technical and Operational Safety Committee (TOSC)**

ACI EUROPE's Technical and Operational Safety Committee (TOSC) brings together representatives of individual ACI EUROPE member airports, national airport networks, airport associations as well as equipment and other manufacturers and contractors with the role of World Business Partners (WBP).

Membership of the ACI EUROPE Technical & Operational Safety Committee (TOSC) has been growing steadily over the last years and now reached 75 members, of which more than two thirds regularly attend Committee meetings.

Two annual Committee meetings—in Spring and Autumn—are held each year. The meetings are scheduled for one and a half days while a tour of the host airport focusing on issues of relevance to the Committee is usually included in the afternoon of the second day.

A meeting of the Single European Sky (SES) Steering Group typically precedes the TOSC meetings.

Current Chair: Mr. Guillaume Auquier, Deputy Director of SES Unit, Aéroports de Paris

Current Vice-Chair: Mr. Thomas Romig, Chief of Airport Steering, Geneva Airport

### **In practice the Committee fulfils 4 key roles:**

- To provide a forum to meet for airport technical and operational professionals with similar (managerial) responsibilities
- To discuss issues of common interest relating to airport technical and operational matters, including safety and air traffic management.

- To survey, assess and present operational practice across all technical domains at the airport through detailed surveys that take place throughout the year and are presented during the Committee meetings
- To guide the work of ACI EUROPE in Brussels (e.g. devising best practices, inputting to studies, informing ACI EUROPE positions on specific issues or regulatory proposals)

The Committee aims to be flexible and responsive. This means that meeting agendas are tailored to reflect the latest issues and challenges facing the airport sector, and as a result individual agendas can vary considerably. Input is always welcome from Committee members, as to what could be discussed at each meeting.

However, a broad set of topics that are discussed often include the following:

- **Aerodrome safety rulemaking**
  - Compliance with IR 139/2014 and updates to CSs (aerodrome design) and other EASA regulatory material (e.g. OR and OPS parts AMC/GM)
  - Airport certification
  - Separate group on RFFS
  - EASA aerodrome developments
  - ICAO Annex 14 developments
- **ATM & Single European Sky**
  - Joint viewpoints on ATM modernisation
  - SESAR Deployment and compliance with PCP regulation
  - European ATM Network and NM
  - Airports as Ground Coordinators
  - Relations between airports and ANSPs
  - Airport Collaborative Decision Making (A-CDM)
- **Operational safety**
  - Construction work and airfield renovations
  - Crisis preparedness and mitigation
  - Incident information, analyses and best practices
  - Introduction of new aircraft types
- **Airports punctuality and EAPN matters**
- **New technologies**
  - Drones
  - Remote towers
  - Satellite-based systems

- **Cross-industry cooperation**
  - Airline / airport interface
  - Airframe manufacturer's viewpoints (e.g. ARC)