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HungaroControl makes online airspace reservation system operational

Since January, 2016 a new online system, LARA (Local and Sub-Regional Airspace Management Support System) supports airspace management activities at HungaroControl. The software package is meant to simplify and accelerate the process of airspace reservation requests, approvals and usage, as well as assisting airspace management on a European level. By introducing the LARA software (provided by EUROCONTROL at no cost) at the beginning of 2016, HungaroControl has fulfilled its obligation nearly a year ahead of the deadline.

According to the provisions of the LSSIP (Local Single Sky ImPlementation) programme, air navigation service providers are obliged to introduce automated airspace management software systems. HungaroControl has decided to implement the LARA system, developed by EUROCONTROL and provided to its member states at no additional cost.

The key benefits of LARA for airspace users include its fast and simple online use, replacing telephone- and fax-based communications, as well as the visibility of airspace bookings previously entered by other parties in the system.

The software is beneficial to airspace management on a European level, as data inputs to the system are displayed in EUROCONTROL's Network Manager Operational Centre, where it is immediately visible if a temporarily restricted airspace becomes unrestricted and thus available to airlines again.

By introducing LARA in January 2016, HungaroControl fulfilled its obligation in the ESSIP (European Single Sky Implementation Plan) nearly a year earlier, ahead of several other European air navigation service providers.



About HungaroControl

Due to its state-of-the-art technology and developments and services, HungaroControl Magyar Légiforgalmi Szolgálat Zrt is one of the renowned service providers in international aviation, and an active regional initiator and co-operating partner of the European Union's integration efforts under the Single European Sky.

According to EUROCONTROL's statistical data and forecasts, the number of flights in Europe is 10 million per annum, and in the next 20 years this figure may even double. During the past few years HungaroControl has launched several significant projects to improve its air navigation services, guarantee the safe management of the increasing air traffic, and promote the imminent success of the integration undertaken by the European Union.

Due to its continuous innovation and the application of the results of its research and development, HungaroControl has an outstanding role in Europe in flight safety improvements, capacity increases, reduction of airline costs and increased environmental protection. As a result of combined efforts and on commission from NATO, since 3 April 2014, HungaroControl has been managing civilian air traffic overflights in the upper airspace over Kosovo. In February 2015 HungaroControl was the first to adopt Free Route Airspace use without any limitations in Hungary's entire airspace, well before the deadline (1 January 2022) set by the European Commission.

In addition to improving its traditional air navigation services and technical and technological background, one of HungaroControl's strategic objectives is the establishment of a regional, Central European air navigation knowledge centre in joint effort with its partners.

The purpose of HungaroControl's capital investment projects is to enable the Central European Functional Airspace Block (FAB CE), a regional co-operation of seven Central European countries, to provide competitive services and operate at the highest technical and technological standard.

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