



Ábalos inaugurates ENAIRe's new Terminal Area Control Centre in Valencia

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- The construction project was originally planned in 2007, foreseeing the need to increase its operating capacity, and involved a 26.5 million euro investment.
- Its installations are used to control an airspace of 59,000 km² and manage air traffic from/to the airports of Alicante, Valencia, Castellón and Murcia, as well as part of the Madrid - Balearic Islands air traffic flow.
- In 2018, it operated 188,000 flights, 70% of which were international. Over 200,000 are expected in 2019.

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The Public Works Minister, José Luis Ábalos, has today inaugurated ENAIRe's new Terminal Area Control Centre in Valencia, installations designed to cater for the considerable growth in air traffic that is taking place in the Valencian Community, which is one of the most popular destinations for international tourists.

This project has involved an investment of 26.5 million euros, the Minister stating that "it is a strategic project because in the scope of aeronautical infrastructures, it is a replica of the Mediterranean Corridor, a social, economic and political priority on both the 'land and air sides'".

Ábalos pointed out that "the construction project was planned in 2007, foreseeing the need to increase its operating capacity to handle the expected higher levels of traffic and comply with new regulatory requirements".

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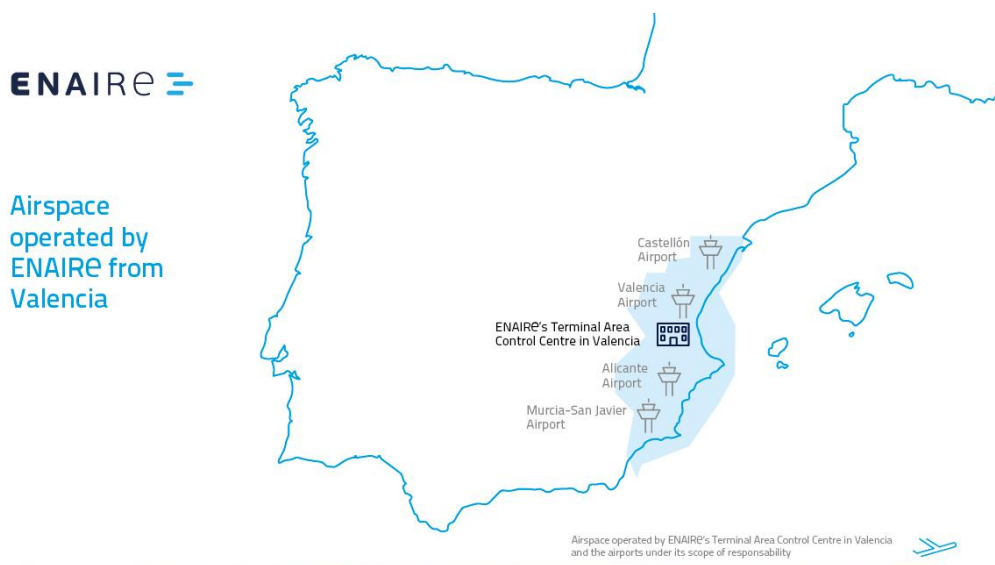


The investment made by the Ministry of Public Works in the Valencia Terminal Area Control Centre, channelled by ENAIRe, comes to a total of 26.5 million euros. This new Control Centre employs the latest technology in air traffic control and its redundant systems guarantee safety and continuity of air navigation services.

In 2018, ENAIRe operated 188,000 flights from this centre, 70% of which were international. A 4% increase and over 200,000 flights are expected for 2019.

The event, chaired by the Minister of Public Works, was also attended by the Valencian Community's Government Delegate, Juan Carlos Fulgencio; the mayor of Quart de Poblet, Carmen Martínez and ENAIRe's CEO, Ángel Luis Arias.

This new Control Centre manages an airspace of 59,000 km², whose air routes are used by flights departing from and arriving at the airports of Alicante, Valencia, Castellón and Murcia, as well as part of the Madrid - Balearic Islands air traffic flow.



The air traffic control service operates from 300 metres to flight level 245, i.e. 24,500 feet, equivalent to 7,500 metres.

These ENAIRe installations support services for the Autonomous Community that are as vital as transplant and medical evacuation flights from/to the Hospital de La Fe and the National Transplant Organisation, the

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Maritime Rescue Air Base, fire-fighting flights, agricultural work, State Security Forces, the General Directorate of Traffic, recreational flying and flying clubs, as well as flying schools.

The centre is also responsible for coordinating the technical operation services rendered at ENAIRE's installations (navigation aids such as VOR or radar, required by an aircraft to keep on its route and to be located at all times), which are located in the Valencian Community, the Region of Murcia and at the Albacete Air Base.

The Air Control Centre employs 127 people, of whom 76 are air traffic controllers, the remaining 55 being managers, engineers and technicians responsible for maintenance, operations and administration.

About ENAIRE

ENAIRE is the company belonging to Grupo Fomento (the Public Works Group) that handles air navigation in Spain. It renders aerodrome control services at 21 airports, including those with the most traffic.

In 2018 ENAIRE operated 2.1 million flights to and from four continents (Europe, America, Asia and Africa), transporting 300 million passengers.