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After the success of the World ATM Congress in Madrid

ENAIRE celebrates the appointment of Raúl Medina as Director of EUROCONTROL: "Crowning a successful career managing Spanish airspace"

- ENAIRE's CEO, Ángel Luis Arias, believes that "this boosts Spain's leadership in promoting the European air transport sector".
- ENAIRE has endorsed initiatives in active collaboration with EUROCONTROL to build the Single European Sky, and has supported the network vision and enhanced communications between all the sector's stakeholders

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The appointment of Spaniard Raúl Medina as the CEO of EUROCONTROL, the Pan-European Organisation for the Safety of Air Navigation, crowns a successful career managing Spanish airspace.

"At ENAIRE, as the national air navigation service provider, we particularly welcome the choice of Raúl Medida, which serves to reinforce Spain's leadership in promoting the European air transport sector". These are the words of ENAIRE's CEO, Ángel Luis Arias, who notes "the initiatives promoted by Spain in active collaboration with EUROCONTROL, and its support of the network vision and enhanced communications between all airspace stakeholders and users".

Of note in this regard are the advances achieved at the World ATM Congress, held in Madrid from 21 to 23 June, where "ENAIRE solidified its leadership and enhanced collaboration with its partners, showcasing its leadership in technology and innovation through projects such as: STARTICAL, U-Space, ICARO MAP, iFOCUCS and iTEC", noted the CEO.



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Raúl Medina is currently the General Director of Civil Aviation at the Ministry of Transport, Mobility and Urban Agenda, and the President of the National Aviation Safety Agency. He will be the CEO of EUROCONTROL, based in Brussels, for the next five years. His term of office begins on 1 January 2023.

As the head of this pan-European organisation, Raúl Medina will spearhead the sustainable and efficient growth of aviation in Europe, which is one of the greatest challenges facing aviation today.

In addition, the next CEO of EUROCONTROL has considerable experience and knowledge of this organisation, having been the chairman of its Board from 2018 to 2021.

About EUROCONTROL

Eurocontrol is the pan-European Organisation for the Safety of Air Navigation and plays a key role in managing air traffic in Europe. Founded in 1963, it has since become an essential element in European aviation, encouraging the development of safer, more sustainable and more efficient air transport in Europe's skies.

The Organisation is made up of 41 Member States and nearly 1,900 professionals, and offers essential support to all European aviation actors, providing technical excellence and experience in civil-military coordination in all areas of air traffic management.

About ENAIRE

ENAIRE is the air navigation service provider in Spain.

As a company of the Ministry of Transport, Mobility and the Urban Agenda, it provides en route control services for all flights and overflights from five control centres in Madrid, Barcelona, Seville, Gran Canaria and Palma, as well as approach services to every airport in the country.

In addition, 45 control towers receive ENAIRE's communication, navigation and surveillance services, and 21 airports, including the country's busiest, rely on its aerodrome control services.



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ENAIRE is Europe's fourth largest air traffic manager. Since 1 January 2022, it has chaired the A6 Alliance, a coalition of air navigation providers responsible for over 80% of European air traffic, and which is seeking to modernise the air traffic management system. It is also a member of other international alliances promoting the Single European sky, such as SESAR Joint Undertaking, SESAR Deployment Manager, iTEC, CANSO and ICAO.

ENAIRE, as the agency appointed by the Ministry of Transport, Mobility and Urban Agenda to implement the U-space system in Spain, will be the provider of the Common Information Services (CIS), which are essential for administering U-space services to drones and Urban Air Mobility, in interaction with local air traffic control services, so that all types of aircraft can fly safely in the same airspace.

ENAIRE has received the highest score in Europe on the aviation safety key performance indicator. It has also been awarded the EFQM 500 Seal for its safe, efficient, innovative and sustainable management of air navigation services.