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Madrid, 10 March 2023

ENAIRE, Spain's national air navigation service provider, managed over 130,000 (134,125) flights in February, 26.8% more than in the same month last year. Of those, 70,161 were international (+23.1%), 30,728 were domestic (+19.5%), and 33,236 were overflights (which do not land at or depart from a Spanish airport) (+44.1%).

The growth of air traffic in Spain in February exceeded the European average, which was 23.0%, by 3.8 percentage points.

All ENAIRE control centres registered a double-digit increase in the number of flights managed: Seville recorded 31,413 flights (30.5%); Barcelona, 53,933 (29.3%); Madrid, 81,165 (25.6%); Canary Islands, 29,904 (20.7%); and Palma, 11,700 (15.4%).

Of note is the increase in overflights in February compared to 2022 in the control centres of Barcelona (71.4%) and Seville (64.5%) due to an increase in this type of flight between North Africa and Europe.

A comparison of February 2023 with the same month in 2019 (134,113 flights), a record year for flights managed by ENAIRE before the pandemic, shows no change (0.01%).

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Air traffic comparison February 2023-2022								
	TOTAL	%	International	%	Domestic	%	Overflights	%
ENAIRE network	134,125	26.8%	70,161	23.1%	30,728	19.5%	33,236	44.1%
Madrid CC	81,165	25.6%	42,658	22.4%	13,974	23.1%	24,533	33.1%
Barcelona CC	53,933	29.3%	32,410	24.1%	12,155	19.9%	9,368	71.4%
Canary Islands CC	29,904	20.7%	15,554	18.1%	11,378	20.0%	2,972	39.5%
Seville CC	31,413	30.5%	13,428	21.0%	9,014	19.7%	8,971	64.5%
Palma CC	11,700	15.4%	4,750	4.8%	6,930	24.2%	20	-28.6%

Note. The total number of flights operated by ENAIRE's network does not necessarily match the total number of flights managed by each Control Centre (CC). This is due to the fact that a flight is registered according to the airspace and route it crosses. For example: a flight departing from Adolfo Suárez Madrid–Barajas Airport bound for Josep Tarradellas Barcelona–El Prat will be registered at the Control Centres in Madrid and Barcelona.

Cumulative data for 2023

In the first two months of the year, ENAIRE managed nearly 275,000 flights (274,417), 31.1% more than in the same period in 2022.

International flights in January and February (143,727) increased by 25.4%, domestic (62,774) by 19.2% and overflights (67,916) by 61.4%.

By control centre, the cumulative figures for Seville stand out, with 64,983 flights managed, a 44.8% increase; Barcelona with 110,908, 34.1% more, and Madrid with 166,112, 29.6% more.

A comparison between the first two months of 2023 and the same period in 2019 (278,584 flights) shows a drop of 1.5%.

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	TOTAL	%	International	%	Domestic	%	Overflights	%
ENAIRE network	274,417	31.1%	143,727	25.4%	62,774	19.2%	67,916	61.4%
Madrid CC	166,112	29.6%	87,537	23.7%	28,837	22.5%	49,738	46.9%
Barcelona CC	110,908	34.1%	66,348	27.9%	24,941	19.0%	19,619	99.2%
Canary Islands CC	62,180	21.5%	32,381	19.8%	23,372	19.3%	6,427	40.9%
Seville CC	64,983	44.8%	27,905	27.3%	18,564	20.9%	18,514	144.2%
Palma CC	23,806	16.9%	9,451	8.4%	14,315	23.4%	40	-13.0%

ENAIRE drives the aviation sector

To prop up the aviation sector, the en route rates for 2023 remain well below the rates prior to the pandemic (2019), 11% lower in mainland Spain and the Balearic Islands and 8% lower in the Canary Islands.

Moreover, compared to the average fees of Europe's four largest air navigation service providers, ENAIRE's rates are 28% cheaper in mainland Spain and the Balearic Islands and 40% cheaper in the Canary Islands.

World leader in safety

ENAIRE's priority when managing these flights is safety. Safety, efficiency and sustainability characterise ENAIRE's management.

ENAIRE and CRIDA, its research, development and innovation subsidiary, received the 2021 CANSO Global Air Safety Award at the 2022 World ATM Congress.

This award acknowledges the work done by ENAIRE and CRIDA to develop a tool to automatically monitor for loss of separation between aircraft (Automatic Safety Monitoring Tool - ASMT).

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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.

ENAIRE is Europe's fourth largest air traffic manager and participates in 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.

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