



ENAIRe transfers the Balearic Islands Air Control Centre from Palma de Mallorca to Son Bonet

- The new location will allow the expansion and modernisation of the facilities, the renovation of the equipment and the installation of a separate contingency room to increase the resilience of the service
- The technology and operational upgrades will provide efficient air transport management, optimize scheduling and reduce the centre's environmental impact
- The choice of the Son Bonet aerodrome for the transfer of the Balearic Islands Control Centre will allow AENA to continue promoting its expansion and remodelling works at Palma de Mallorca airport
- The process of moving ENAIRe's offices to Son Bonet will not affect the Control Tower service, which will continue to operate at Palma de Mallorca Airport

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ENAIRe, a public entity under the Ministry of Transport and Sustainable Mobility, will promote the transfer of the current Balearic Islands Control Centre from Palma de Mallorca airport to the Son Bonet aerodrome. ENAIRe's infrastructure transfer project will not affect the control tower, whose personnel will continue to operate from the current location at AENA airport facilities.

The transfer project will allow ENAIRe to expand and modernise its Control Centre in the Balearic Islands, to provide it with the most advanced air navigation technology, and to deploy a new contingency room physically separated from the current facilities, with the aim of increasing the resilience of its services.

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The technology and operational upgrades to ENAIRE'S premises will provide efficient air transport management and slot scheduling, and reduce the centre's environmental impact. Furthermore, the upgrading of ENAIRE's facilities in the Balearic Islands will guarantee compliance with the current energy efficiency regulations for its premises.

The choice of the Son Bonet aerodrome for the transfer of the Balearic Islands Control Centre will allow AENA to continue its expansion and remodelling work at Palma de Mallorca airport, due to the fact that the project also puts special focus on efficient accesses to the infrastructure, which houses the current Balearic Islands Control Centre, and the land and accesses to the same are now classified as "security restricted areas."

Optimisation of resources and infrastructures

ENAIRe has chosen to transfer its Control Centre in the Balearic Islands after a detailed analysis of different options, in which the optimisation of public resources and their infrastructures has taken precedence. The need for efficient direct access points for the services of the Palma Control Centre required major investments which, in the long term, would have been inefficient. This is even more apparent given the limitations of the ENAIRe location within the airport enclosure, and the undergoing construction of the extension to the AENA facilities.

After the assessment of possible scenarios for the transfer, Son Bonet was found to be the most efficient, sustainable and forward-looking alternative, and the most beneficial for both ENAIRe and AENA. This decision will materialise through the preparation of the corresponding construction and facilities projects that will enable the optimised use of the equipment and facilities.

The process of transferring the Control Centre from Palma to Son Bonet airport will not affect the provision of the service, although ENAIRe and AENA personnel will share the accesses to the airport facilities until the transfer is finalised. Both organisations are working on a transition plan to ensure that the streamlined move towards full operational availability of the new site is completed as quickly as possible.

This investment reinforces the commitment of the Ministry of Transport and Sustainable Mobility to strengthening the safety and quality of the airport service, sustainability, and efficiency. These are the pillars of air transport and

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which, in the case of the Balearic Islands, are of major importance due to their role in the Island's national and international tourism industry.

About ENAIRE

ENAIRE is the air navigation service provider in Spain.

As a company of the Ministry of Sustainable Transport and Mobility, 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, 46 airports receive communication, navigation and surveillance services from ENAIRE, which also maintains their air traffic control systems, and 21 of them, including the country's busiest airports, rely on its aerodrome air traffic 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 responsible agency identified by the Ministry of Sustainable Transport and Mobility to implement the U-Space system in Spain, will, through its digital platform, provide the Common Information Services (CIS), which are essential to facilitate U-space services to drones and Urban Air Mobility in cooperation with local air traffic 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 for three years in a row. 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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