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Re: SES II – network manager

Dear Daniel,

At the moment of finalisation of the draft regulation for SES II, we would like to ask your intervention on a major point of concern which is the proposal on a network manager.

The concept as explained by various officials of DG TREN and as written in some draft texts is not in line with a key principle of SES and the recommendations of the “High Level Group report”. It is really the weak part in the whole SES 2 package. The reasons for our concerns are the following:

- The concept completely ignores the separation between service provision and regulation, which was one of the main principles of SES I to guarantee safety.
- The concept refers to service provision functions, such as flow management, airspace design, frequency resources management which are managed at local/regional/European level. CANSO has always supported that centralised service provision activities should be industry steered.
Of course it is fully recognised that these service provision activities should be subject to clear Community Rules and oversight.

We have supported the Commission with SES I and will continue with SES II, but we really need your cooperation to change this article on network manager which CANSO believes is not in line with the new ATM strategy Europe has been building in the last 5 years .

Sincerely Yours,

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