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Revision of the ART Model for Airport charges

On October 9th , IBAR participated in the public consultation convened by ART on the new Model for the definition of regulated airport charges.

Before the meeting IBAR, in coordination with IATA and A4E, had submitted a comprehensive set of observations on the proposed Model, supported by an ad-hoc academic study.

On December 19th , the Authority announced that , in view of the volume and scope of the contributions produced by the various stakeholders , the deadline for the publication of the final Model would be deferred from the originally planned date of December 20th , 2019 to March 13th , 2020.

Meanwhile , as expected , ADR (FCO,CIA) and SAVE (VCE) impugned the relevant ART Resolution before the Turin Administrative Tribunal, summoning IBAR as a counter-interested party.

The IBAR General Assembly of December 11th , acting upon an Executive Board recommendation , mandated that IBAR should appear in Court to stress the need that the charges of all Italian airports , without exceptions , be regulated by an Independent Supervisory Authority (ISA) such as ART.

IATA Wings of change EUROPE



IBAR was privileged to receive an invitation to this high-level event , held on October 19-20th in Berlin with the participation of some 30 CEOs of EU Carriers.

The full set of presentations on such crucial matters as sustainability , safety , security , innovation and gender balance can be downloaded here :

<https://www.iata.org/en/events/wings-europe/>

2020 Cargo rates ex Liniate

In November , on the wake of strong opposition by the Carriers' Associations , SEA backtracked on their original proposal to more than treble the cargo handling charges at LIN.

Such charges will remain unchanged for 2020

Airport charges 2020

Throughout November and December , following the usual October round of annual public consultations , the Airport management Companies published their 2020 charges.

The Airports previously monitored by ENAC , did so for the first time under ART's supervision.

VCE : IBAR and the local Users Committee successfully requested the opening of a dispute resolution procedure.

Consequently ART approved the 2020 charges as proposed by the airport management on a temporary basis only and instructed the airport to carry out their recalculation based on the outcome of the procedure.

NAP : the airport management decided to freeze their charges citing the need to complete the acquisition of the smaller and under-utilised Salerno Airport before the new regulated charges could be calculated.

BRI , BDS : in view of several flaws in the original proposal , ART deliberated that the airport management must reconvene the Users for a new consultation on their regulated charges.

BLQ : ART mandated a thorough recalculation of the charges based on several observations presented by IBAR during the consultation.

Moreover , following an ART investigation prompted by a formal IBAR complaint, BLQ Airport announced that the exclusivity currently granted to a single Carrier for the access to their fast track security control will be discontinued at the end of February 2020.

ENAC workshop on the assistance to air accident victims and their families

During a workshop held on November 16th in cooperation with the Association representing the families of the victims of the October 2001 accident at Linate , ENAC announced their intention to streamline the protocols and procedures to be adopted in case of air accidents. During the event , valuable contributions were presented by experts from Spain ,Brazil and the Netherlands.

ENAC announced their intention to organize some on-field simulations to ensure proper coordination among the various State bodies, Airports and Airlines.

ENAC roundtable on the PRM service

On November 28th , ENAC convened a roundtable with Airports' and Carriers' Associations to review the state of the PRM service rendered at Italian airports.

During the meeting , IBAR pointed out that the existing massive diversities amongst the various airports in terms of unit costs and quality parameters should be looked into and smoothed as much as feasible.

ENAC has informally announced that the next meeting of the roundtable should take place in February 2020.

The subject of PRM was also debated internally during the IBAR General Assembly of December 11th (see picture below) and the general consensus amongst the Members was that , whilst quality of the PRM service should never be impacted negatively , there appears to be plenty of room for efficiency-driven measures.



National Airport Facilitation Committee (FAL)

A FAL Committee Meeting was convened by ENAC on December 16th to brief the Italian Authorities and the stakeholders on the most recent ICAO resolutions requiring action by the Member States.

The main topics were :

Airport and Airline staff training on the detection of human trafficking

Italy will implement the ICAO guidelines directing that airport/airline staff be properly trained on the subject.

Notably , IATA has contributed to the task with the publication of tutorials and training modules for airline staff :

<https://www.iata.org/en/policy/consumer-pax-rights/human-trafficking/>

API PNR

ENAC informed that the Immigration Authorities have now provided a first batch of selected Airlines with the necessary technical specifications for the transmission of the PNR data. The Carriers in receipt of such specifications are granted a nine-months implementation period.

No action is required by the Carriers until the receipt of written communications from the Ministry of Interior.

IBAR requested that , as per ICAO approved standard , no penalties be levied on the Carriers for the cases involving passengers with double nationalities.

IATA and IBAR will request an ad-hoc meeting with the Immigration Authorities to discuss the subjects of data quality and penalties' regime.

Arrivals & Departures



We say goodbye to :

Mr. Jerome Salemy - General Manager Air France
Mr. Ma Nan – General Manager Air China
Mr. Zheng Xue Feng – Sales Manager Air China
Mr. Clive Quek – Station Manager Italy
Singapore Airlines
Mr Sandro Melis – Country Sales Manager
Aegean Airlines

And welcome :

Mr. Stephane Vanovermeir – General Manager
Air France / KLM for East Mediterranean
Mr. Yang Yong Qiang – General Manager Air China
Mr. Suliang Fu – Sales Manager Air China
Mr. Vincent Yeo – Station Manager Italy
Singapore Airlines