

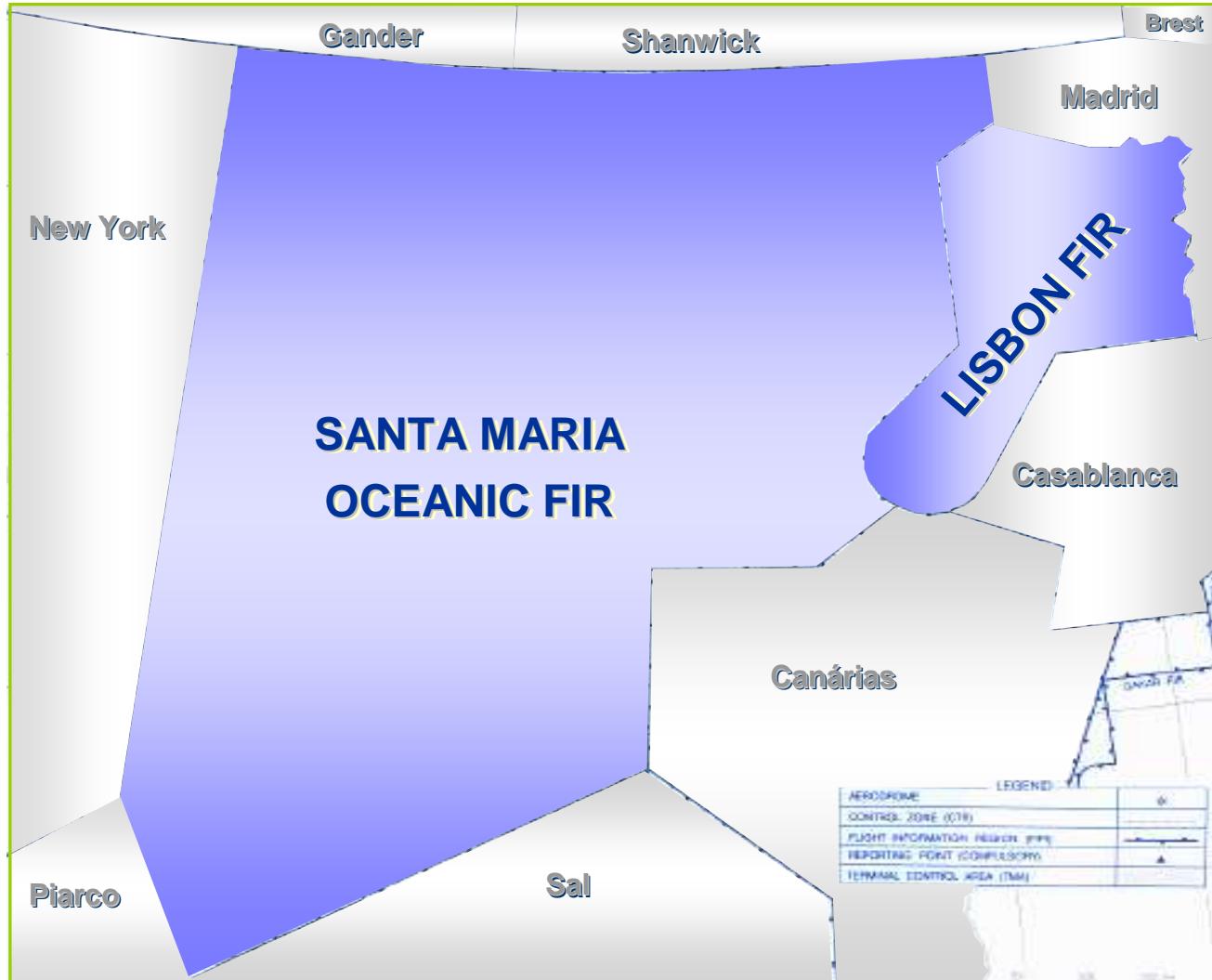


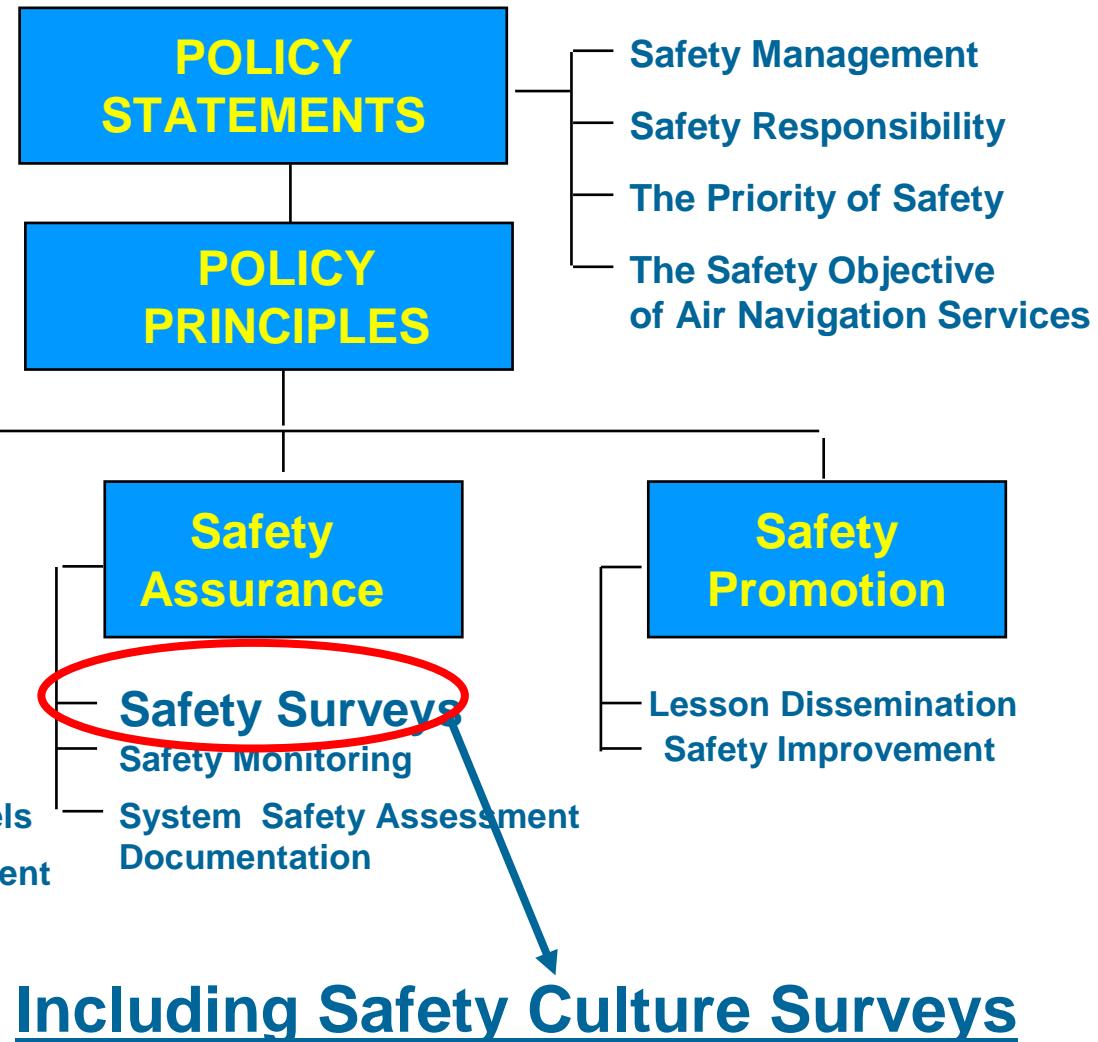
Overview

- How Safety Culture fits into our SMS
- What Safety Culture Surveys look like
- What these Surveys tell you
- What they cost



Airspace controlled by NAV Portugal, and adjacent FIR's

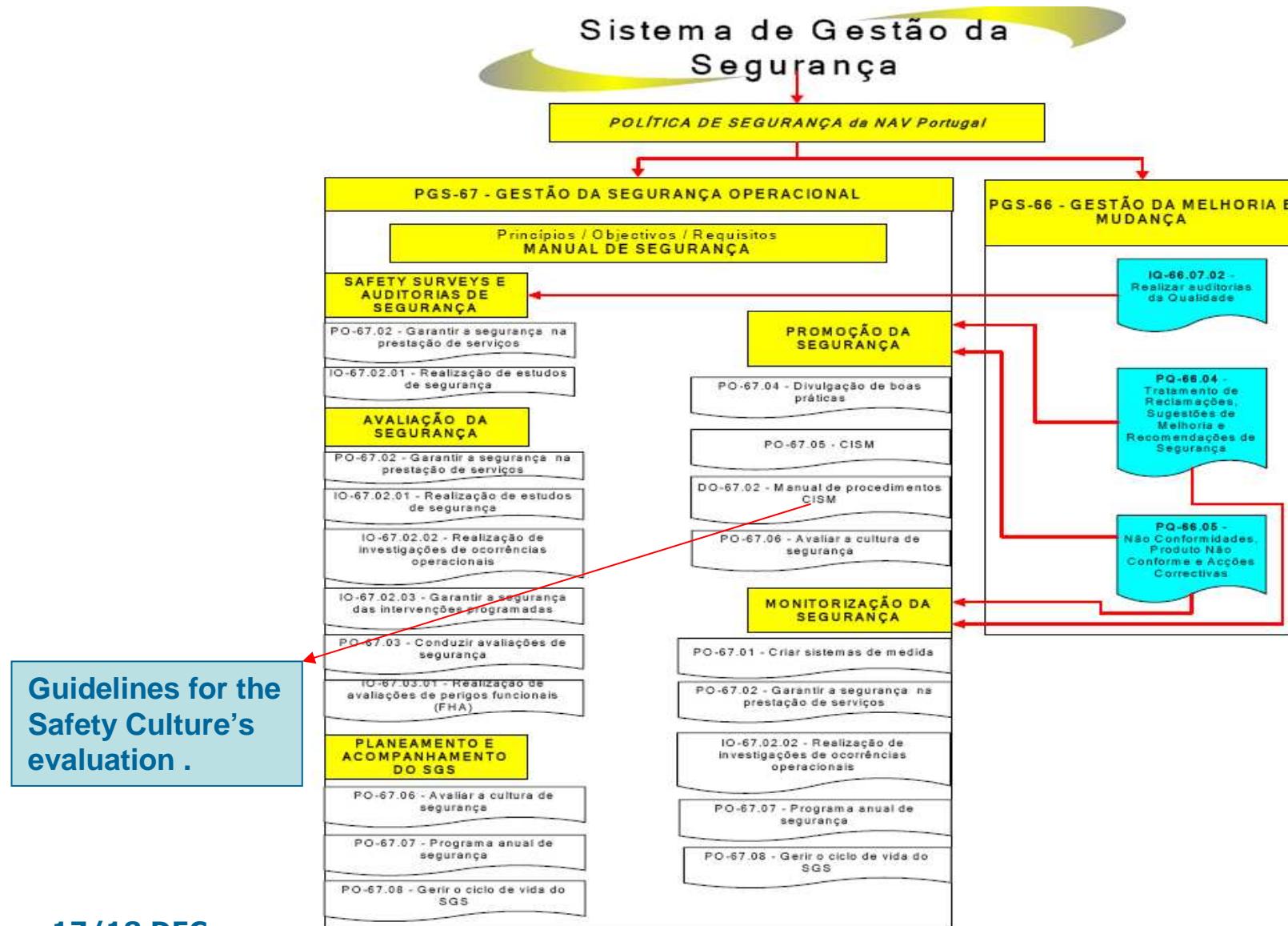




Safety Management



NAV Portugal SMS



Safety Culture



- Formal definition: the safety culture of an organisation “is the product of individual and group values, attitudes, competencies and behaviors, and the patterns of interaction, and the way in which the organization's health and safety needs are managed.”
- The shadow of safety culture is the gap between the **idealised safety** and the **realities of safety** in an organisation, whether at the level of the controller or the maintenance technician, the manager, etc.

**If you want to remain safe,
you have to know
the realities of safety
in your organization**



Factors Affecting Safety Culture

A Tale of Two Surveys (2007)



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Independent Surveys

**Results of a Safety Culture Survey at
NAV PORTUGAL**
Version: 3.0
Date: 30 April 2007

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**Safety culture : qualitative
and quantitative assessment**
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Study 1

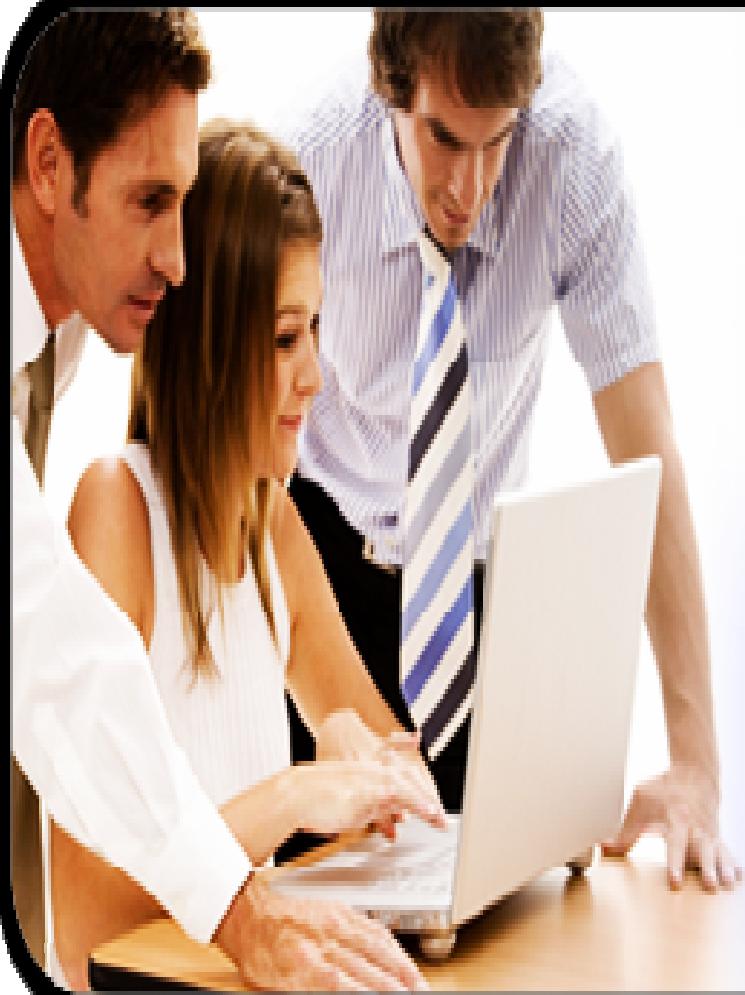
1. 185 questionnaires completed
2. Key ingredients of NAV's safety culture include its **flexibility**, its **openness of communications**, and a high level of **commitment to safety**.
3. NAV has a **positive safety culture**.

- Areas for Improvement:
 1. System operation
 2. Communication and Consultation
 3. Support from the Organisation
 4. Reporting
 5. Learning.

Some of the specific key strengths NAV has in its current safety culture are as follows:

- Shared responsibility for safety
- Commitment to understanding incident trends
- Team meetings useful for safety communication
- Trust in each other
- Belief that management is interested in safety issues raised by the workforce
- People keeping up with changes to procedures
- Ability to discuss mistakes with colleagues
- People in NAV support each other, e.g. in high capacity situations

Areas for Improvement



Improved change management

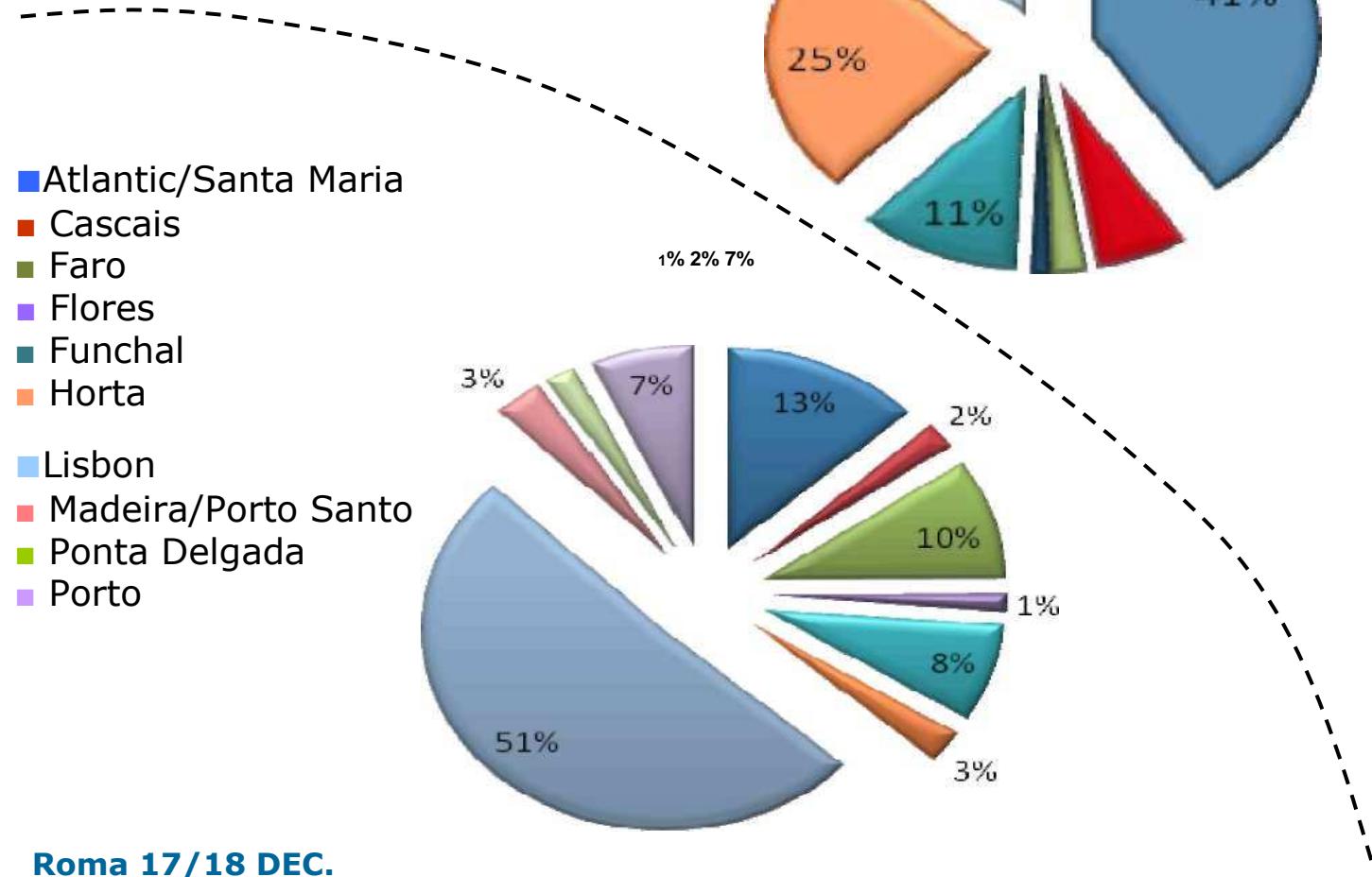
**Management leadership on
'learning not blaming'**

**Sharpening the focus of the
incident reporting and learning
process**

**Better communication on the
role of the Safety Department**

**A task force to consider the
best ways to manage safety in
high capacity situations**

STUDY 2: 430 Questionnaires by group and region



- Air traffic controllers (ATCOs)
- Administrative technicians
- Specialist technicians
- Qualified technicians
- Senior technicians
- Aeronautical information and communications technicians
- Aeronautical telecommunications technicians

Perception of safety practices



Safety even under pressure

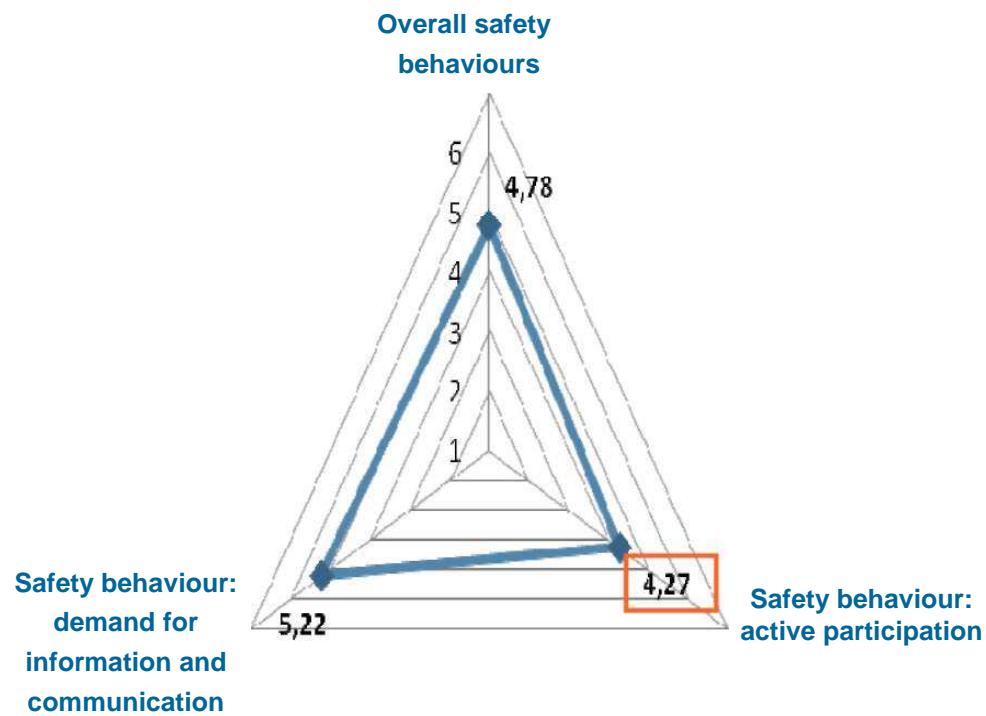
Safety communication quality



- Perceived as least effective in Porto (3.48)

- Various differences between the perceptions of occupational groups

Safety behaviour



- Lisbon has the lowest value for information and communication (4.85), as against Faro (5.84) and the Azores (5.68).
- ATCOs have the highest values of all organizational groups.

NAV-P Strong points



1. High concern with safety
2. Participants' declared values in line with the company's safety policy
3. NAV safety climate very positive, characterised by a perception that safety objectives and rules are valued, that **work is conducted safely even under pressure**, and that lessons are learned from accidents at work
4. Very positive perceptions of the safety climate in the working groups, in relation to **actions by both management and colleagues**.
5. Perception that all staff are involved in safety.
6. Satisfaction with safety



Areas for improvement



1. Investment in overall organisational safety culture to reduce regional and occupational differences.
2. Reconciliation/management of the relationship between NAV's safety and its cost-effectiveness.
3. Visibility of management's involvement in safety questions. Importance and visibility of safety communication.
4. Information on NAV safety and feedback on incidents and accidents.
5. Active participation of staff.



Costs (Study 2)

Descrição	Custo
Etapa 1, 2 e 3	
Coordenação e acompanhamento técnico do projecto	750€
Dois Técnicos operacionais (cálculo baseado nas tabelas de recursos humanos da FCT)	5750€
Despesas gerais	975€
Custo Total	7 475€

Plus IVA: 8.945€



Plus participants' time...

Summary Points

1. High level of agreement between two independent surveys.
2. We identified our strengths as well as weaknesses.
3. Surveys have told us things we didn't realize, but which we can fix now.
4. Safety culture is a useful and cost-effective process – it can help achieve the right balance between moving traffic, and maintaining safety.
5. We plan to do it again in the future (next year, 2009).



