



# FAB SAFETY CASE

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Demonstration of safety benefits**



## PART 1: Background and general information





## BLUE MED is...

...a regional ATM development project between States aiming towards the creation of a FAB in the Mediterranean area

It comprises four EU partner-states: Cyprus, Greece, Italy and Malta...

...three non-EU states as associate partners (Egypt, Tunisia and Albania)

...two third countries as observers (Lebanon and the Kingdom of Jordan)

...a TEN-T funded project (50% of its current budget of 5.6 million Euros)





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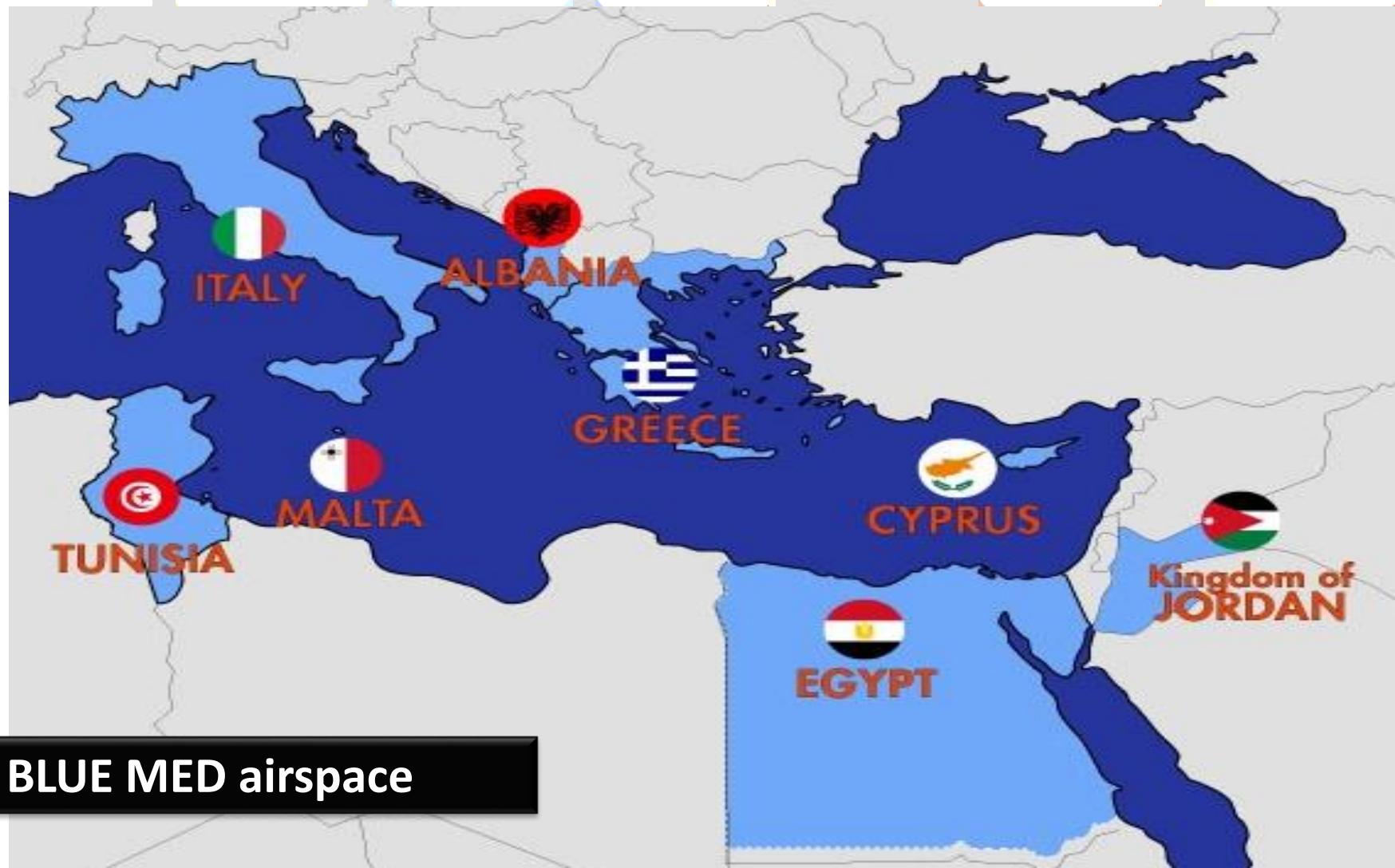
173.000Km<sup>2</sup>



1.120.000Km<sup>2</sup>



249.000Km<sup>2</sup>



The BLUE MED airspace

## **BLUE MED timeframes...**



***Phase 1: Feasibility Study (2006 – 2008)***

**Phase 2: Definition (2009 – 2011)**

**Phase 3: Implementation (2012+)**



## **BLUE MED milestones...**

**August 2008 – Feasibility Study completed...**





## BLUE MED milestones...

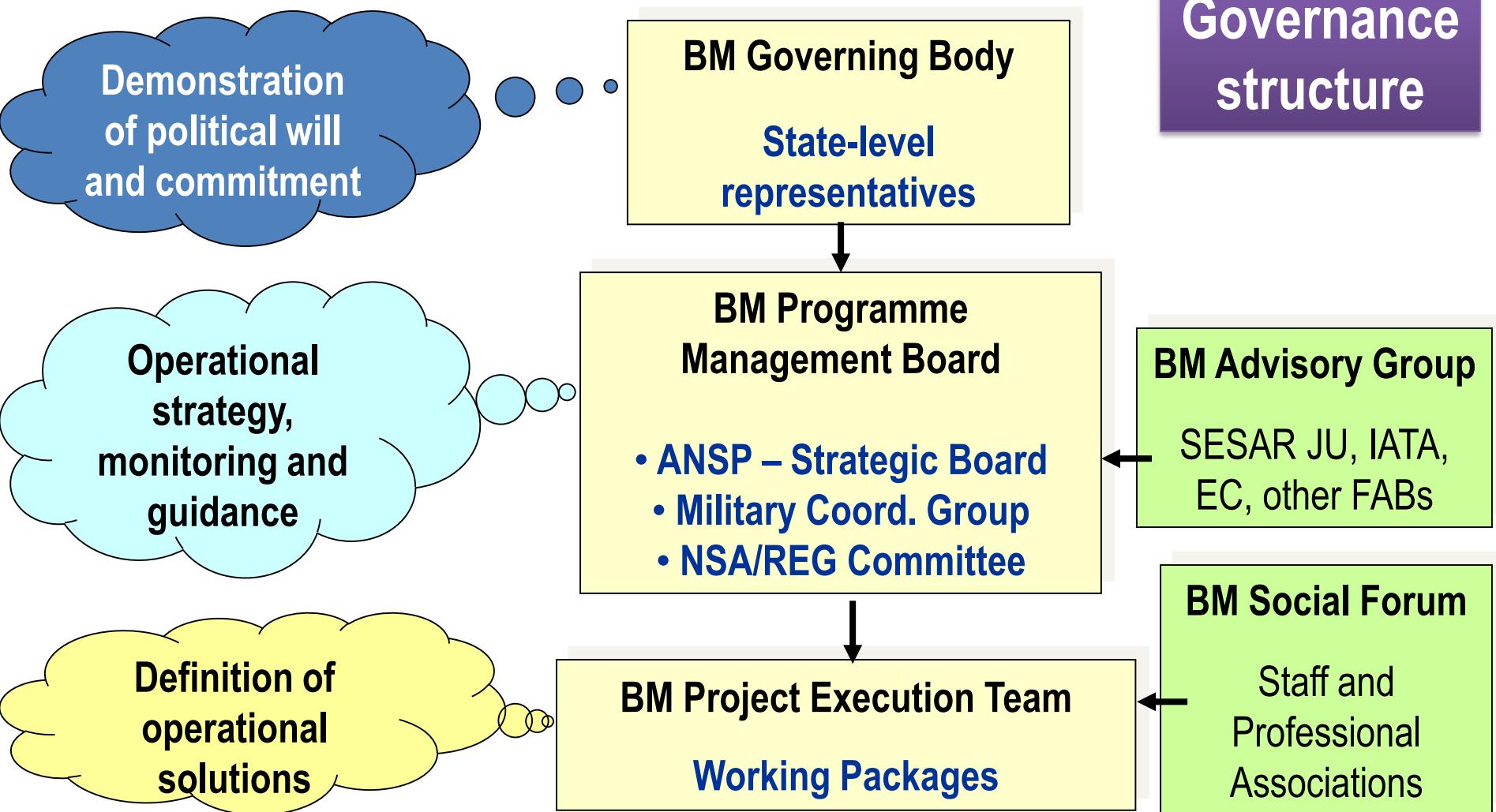
**November 2008** – Ministers' declaration – political go ahead...

**February 2009** – EC funding granted for phase 2

**April 2009** – Phase 2 commences

**May 2010** – Approval of Strategic Action Plan by TEN-T





**WP 0 Project Management**

IT

**WP 1 Operational Implementation**

GR

**WP 2 Technical Implementation**

IT

**WP 3 Safety**

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**WP 4 Economic Assessment**

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**WP 5 Legal and Institutional aspects**

MA

**WP 6 Human Resources issues and Social aspects**

MA

**WP 7 Environmental Impact Assessment**

GR

**WP 8 Implementation Planning**

CY

**BLUE MED  
WORK PACKAGES**

...around  
150  
persons

...meetings  
every two  
months...



**Safety assessment process...  
...inter-dependability between Work Packages**

**WP 1 Operational**

**Implementation:**

Airspace design and management processes, ATS procedures

**WP 2 Technical**

**Implementation:**

Definition of technical solutions to operational requirements

**WP 6 Human Resources**

**issues:**

definition of common staff policies on recruitment, selection, training and competence..



**WP 3 Safety**

Review, assessment and definition of safety requirements...



## BLUE MED – Safety WP goals and objectives

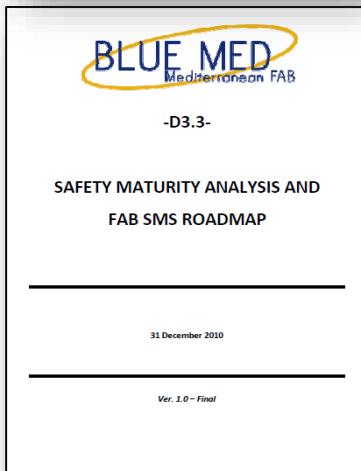
- Develop the BLUE MED FAB's **Safety Case**, arguing that the FAB can be implemented in a manner which is acceptably safe.

### D3.2 FAB SAFETY CASE

- Define a long-term roadmap for **common safety management**, focusing on the need for uniform and enhanced levels of safety across the whole FAB

### D3.3 FAB SMS ROADMAP





Practical results delivered so far...

**BLUE MED – Regional Single Sky Implementation Roadmap -**  
Commonly defined actions for the safety LSSIP objectives

**FAB SMS roadmap** (with actions that can be immediately implemented by those who need it). Action plan drafted is based on the results of a commonly conducted ***EUROCONTROL*** ***Safety Maturity Survey***

Common FAB target for safety maturity agreed at working level (L4)

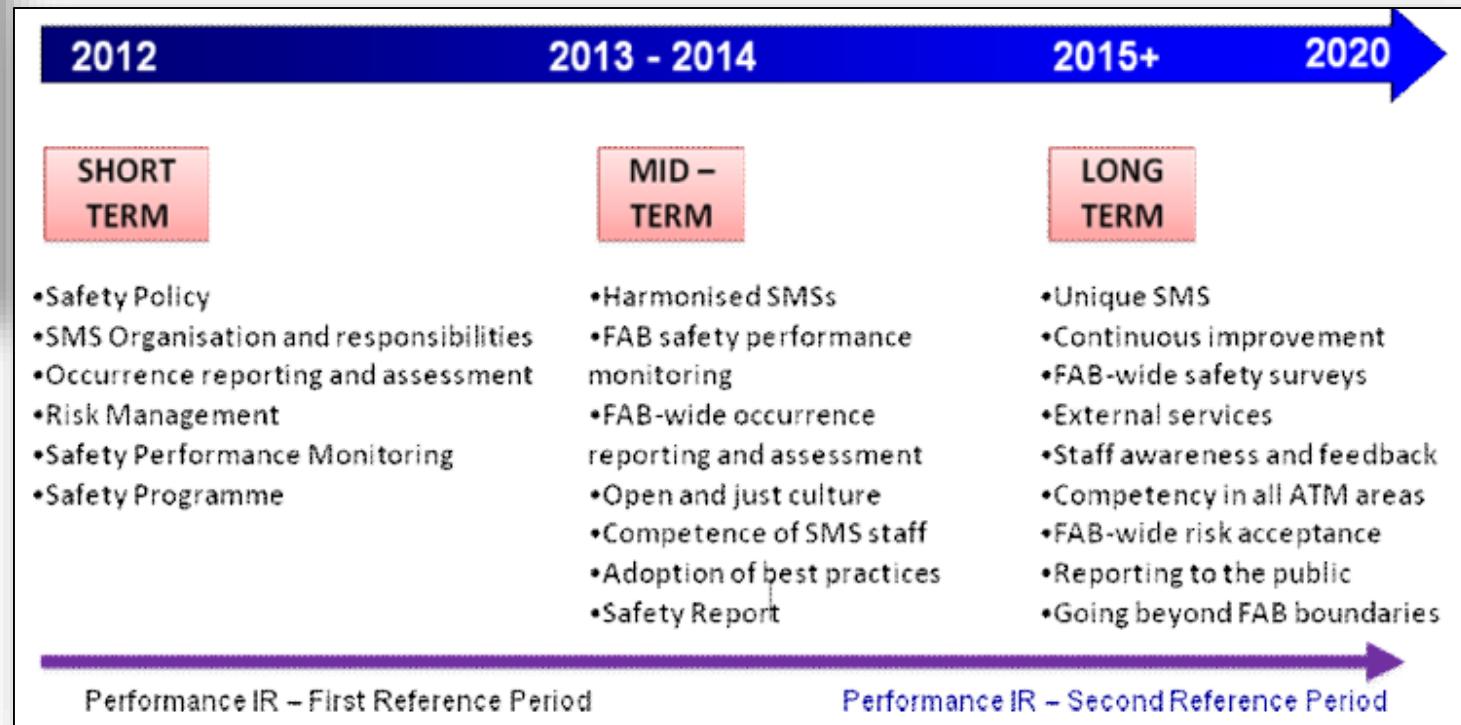
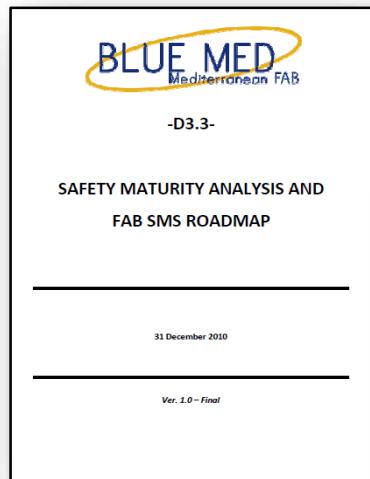


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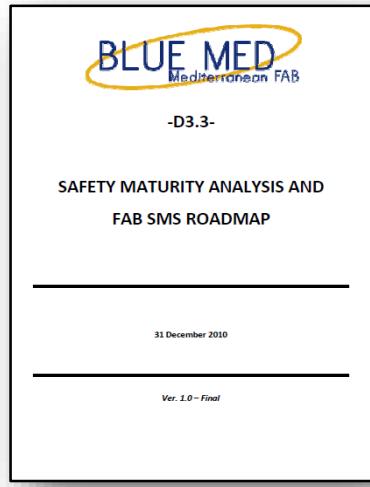


### FAB SMS roadmap...

...action plan aligned with the reference periods of the performance regulation



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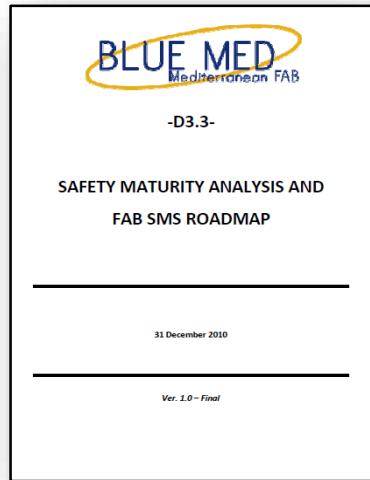


...covers *most of* the elements required by the FAB implementing rule

- *Planned measures to establish a common safety policy;*
- *Plans on how to address the safety data collection, analysis and exchange;*
- *The SMS processes and procedures planned to avoid degradation in safety performance within the FAB;*
- *Arrangements with relation to the setting of safety targets..*



### FAB SMS roadmap...



...practical  
arrangements  
planned to be  
implemented...

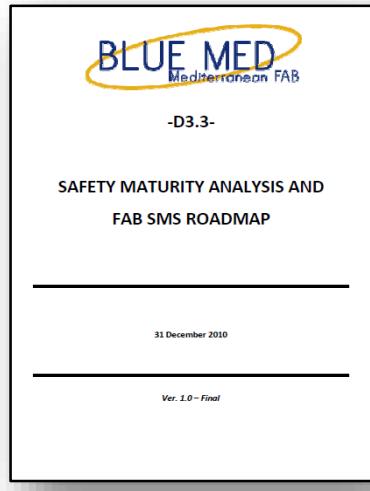
#### 7.2 FAB SAFETY MANAGEMENT ORGANISATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A Safety Coordination Group, with defined TORs and responsibilities will review, manage and monitor the BLUE MED FAB SMS Roadmap described herein. Membership to the Group will be from the BLUE MED ANSP SMS units e.g. BLUE MED ANSPs' Safety managers or their appointed representatives and will report to the highest level of governance within BLUE MED. ANSPs shall endeavor to keep the membership consistent (at least in the initial period) to ensure harmonisation and cohesion.
- The BLUE MED Safety Coordination Group terms of reference will include (inter alia):
  - the need to consult regularly with the BM NSA Committee so as to remain updated with the applicable regulations/standards as required;
  - the mechanism for attending regional/international meetings so as to remain updated with the applicable rules/standards. Joint/coordinated representations will be arranged as so required.
  - the mechanism to work across the whole FAB
  - the meeting frequency (e.g. at least twice a year)
- The BLUE MED Safety working groups on specific

Related Saf. Mat. survey Study Areas	Related Safety Maturity survey objectives	Implementation Status of individual BLUE MED ANSPs(as of 2010)
2.1	An approved, clearly documented, and recognised system for the management of safety. Management structure, responsibilities, accountabilities and authorities clearly defined and documented	    



### FAB SMS roadmap...



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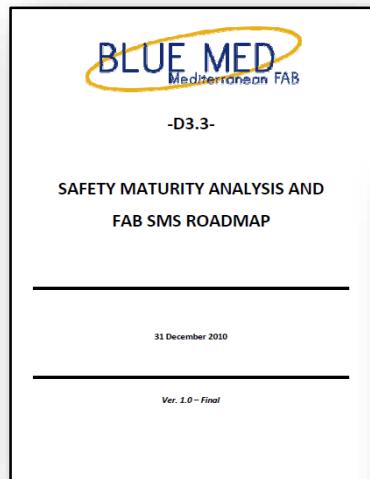


#### 7.3 SAFETY CULTURE

- All BLUE MED ANSPs shall undertake a safety culture measurement by the end of **2014** and develop a corresponding improvement plan (dependant on EUROCONTROL availability i.e. the budgetary and institutional arrangements for EUROCONTROL to perform activities for non-European members of BLUE MED). European ANSPs of BLUE MED will be planned and measured by 2014 as per objectives and within the resources of EUROCONTROL ESP+ programme.
- All BLUE MED ANSPs shall have plans to do regular measurements. It is expected that the measurement will be done at least every 5 years with defined ongoing improvement objectives targeted across both RP1 (2012-2014) and RP2 (2015-2019). These plans will be included in the bi-annual **FAB Safety Programme** (see 7.7 below).
- An overall BLUE MED FAB Safety Culture measurement shall be undertaken before end of 2020.

Related Saf. Mat. survey Study Areas	Related Safety Maturity survey objectives	Implementation Status of individual BLUE MED ANSPs (as of 2010)
1.2	Regular measurement of safety culture and an improvement programme	     

### FAB SMS roadmap...



#### 12.3 Safety Occurrence assessment/investigation<sup>4</sup>

<b>Input(s)</b>	Occurrence report
<b>Process elements to be applied commonly in all the FAB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Decision to carry out an assessment/investigation</li><li>Use of recordings and related sources of information for occurrence reconstruction</li><li>Safety occurrence risk assessment – use of the RAT tool</li></ul>
<b>Output(s)</b>	Final Occurrence Investigation Report (outline contents to be agreed)



### **PART 3: D3.2 - The FAB Safety Case**



## BLUE MED – Safety Case scope and objective...

### CONSTRAINTS:

...BLUE MED is *primarily* a consortium of ANSPs...

...there is no single BLUE MED NSA...

...some ANSPs are not bound by EU regulations...

...not all changes will happen everywhere and not at the same time...

...THEREFORE, at this stage...

...the BLUE MED Safety Case will aim mainly for regulatory compliance in accordance with the FAB Guidance material...

...it will be so structured so as to easily adapted by the national SM Units, to meet NSA and other local requirements...



BLUE MED FAB will be acceptably safe when we can demonstrate that...

- SCr1: FAB Safety arrangements meet the FAB IR requirements

AND

**(optionally at the moment – under discussion)**

- SCr2: Risks will be lower if changes are implemented in the framework of the FAB (or the FAB can offer **safety benefits**),

AND

- SCr3: Risks will be mitigated as far as reasonably practicable



Extracts form the FAB IR guidance material...

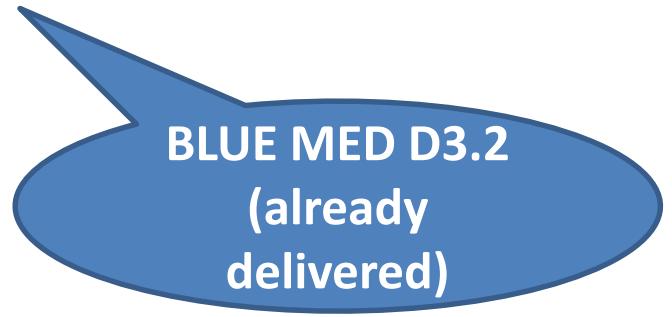
...There is not yet any widely agreed definition for a Safety Case....

...In principle, it is a **documented body of evidence that provides a demonstrable and valid argument** that a system is adequately safe for a given application and environment over its lifetime.

...A safety case in support of FAB establishment should mean **one or several documents that include claims, arguments and evidences that ..... operations will meet or continue to meet the safety requirements.**



**The FAB SC IS NOT  
an ANSP SC !**



**BLUE MED D3.2  
(already  
delivered)**

**JUSTIFICATION 01:**

FAB creation is both an operational and a regulatory requirement (SES I and SES II)

**ASSUMPTION:**

T.B.D.

**ACCEPTABILITY CRITERIA**

Cr1 : FAB Safety arrangements meet the FAB IR requirements

**OPTIONAL – UNDER DISCUSSION**

Cr2 : Risks will be lower if foreseen changes will be implemented in the framework of the FAB (or safety benefits can be achieved with the FAB established), AND

Cr3 : Risks will be mitigated as far as reasonably practicable



EUROCONTROL

**OVERALL CLAIM (Arg 0):**

**BLUE MED FAB will be acceptably safe**

**CONTEXT:**

- Current operations are acceptably safe
- SES I / II requirements
- BM Concept of operations
- **FAB Safety Policy**



**Under discussion**

**Arg. 1:**  
**Safety Culture will be developed**

**Arg. 2:**  
**Safety will be managed**

**Arg. 3:**  
**FAB ATM/ANS systems will be acceptably safe**

**Arg. 4:**  
**Safety oversight on ATM/ANS will be provided in a coordinated manner**

Str1.1  
Provide direct and backing evidence **by means of safety culture surveys and after care** improvements that a **positive** safety culture is created, cultivated, monitored and improved in all the FAB

Str2.1  
Provide direct and backing evidence that safety management is being practiced at all stages (planning, implementation managing and measuring and improvement) in a harmonised manner in all the FAB (CROSS REFERENCE TO THE FAB SMS ROADMAP (D3.3))

Str3.1  
Provide direct and backing evidence that the FAB ATM /ANS systems and elements thereof are assessed and monitored for their safety, throughout the system lifecycle, both in "success" and "failure" scenarios, using industry standard methodologies (SAM etc..)

Str4.1  
Provide direct and backing evidence that safety oversight will be provided to the FAB, in a harmonised manner, through the enhanced cooperation of the BLUE MED NSAs



## SAFETY CASE STRATEGY

Demonstrate that safety is achieved by success in four main pillars:

**Safety culture, safety management , safety oversight and  
ATM/ANS system safety, providing direct and backing evidence  
that safety is addressed throughout the system lifecycle and for  
all its various elements**



Arg. 1:  
**Safety Culture will be  
developed**

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**REGULATORY HEALTH CHECK:**

**ASSUMED TO COVER THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PERFORMANCE REGULATION ON  
JUST CULTURE**



Arg. 2:  
**Safety in the FAB will  
be managed**

Str2.1

Provide direct and backing evidence that safety management is being practiced at all stages (planning, implementation managing and measuring and improvement) in a harmonised manner in all the FAB (**CROSS**

**REFERENCE TO THE FAB SMS ROADMAP – D3.3**

**REGULATORY HEALTH CHECK:**

**THE FAB SMS ROADMAP (D3.3 - ALREADY DELIVERED) COVERS THE REQUIREMENTS OF  
THE FAB IR ON COMMON SAFETY POLICY, INCIDENT INVESTIGATION AND PLANS HOW TO  
ADDRESS DATA COLLECTION, ANALYSIS AND EXCHANGE, PLANS TO AVOID DEGRADATION  
IN SAFETY PERFORMANCE WITHIN THE FAB, ARRANGEMENTS FOR IDENTIFYING AND  
ALLOCATING THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND INTERFACES WITH RELATION TO THE SETTING  
OF THE SAFETY TARGETS**



Arg. 3:  
**FAB ATM/ANS systems  
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**REGULATORY HEALTH CHECK:**

**COVERS THE REQUIREMENTS REGARDING THE STATEMENTS THAT SAFETY ASSESSMENT, INCLUDING HAZARD IDENTIFICATION , RISK ASSESSMENT AND MITIGATION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED BEFORE INTRODUCING OPERATIONAL CHANGES RESULTING FROM THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FAB**



## SAFETY CASE: ... Foreseen changes...

Examples of ATM elements to be safety assessed (clear relevance on FAB-wide operations):

- 5 NM lateral separation in all the FAB
- Extension of upper limit of controlled airspace (FL660 considered)
- Reduction of lateral separation minima at transfer of radar control
- Enhance GND-GND automatic coordination between ACCs (Full OLDI)
- Implementation of Free Route Airspace
- Harmonisation of ATCO competence (common ACS RAD training plan)
- Implementation of a FAB SMS

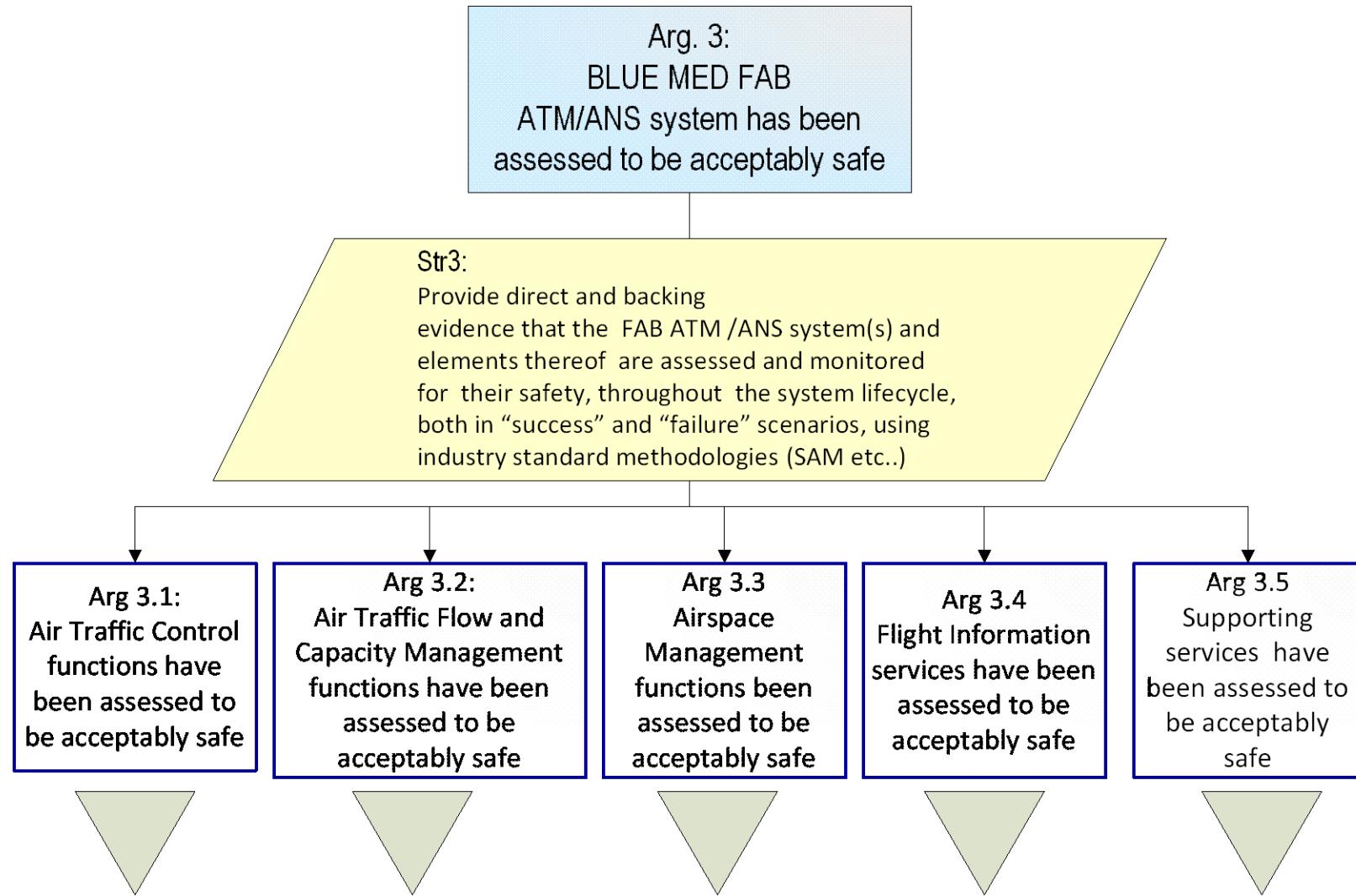


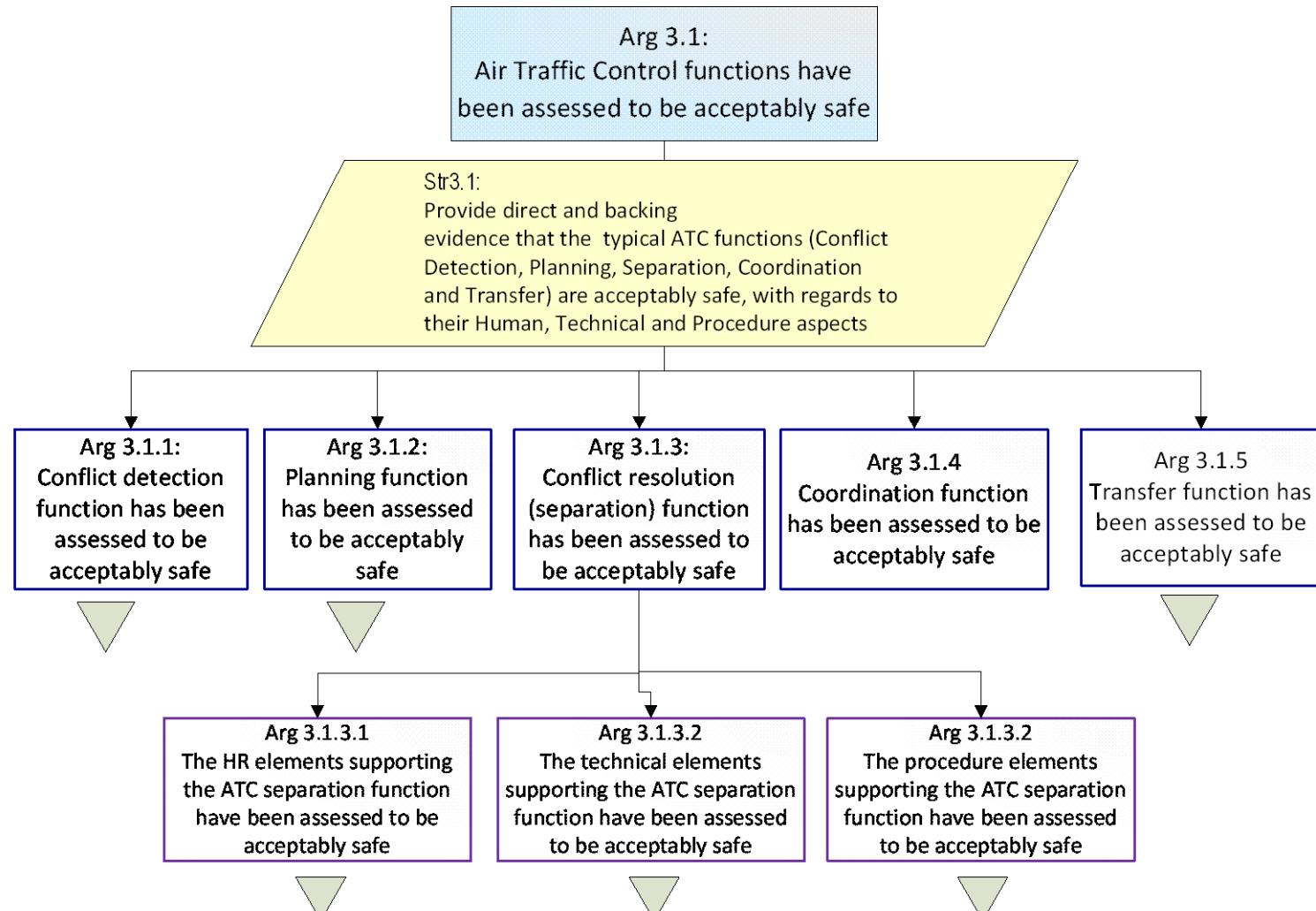
Initial hazard log and associated mitigations

HAZ ID	ATM Domain	Change description	WHAT COULD GO WRONG	HAZARD(S)	MITIGATIONS
3	AIRSPACE	Harmonisation of en-route lateral separation minima (5 NM under consideration)	ATC error	Loss of nominal lateral separation	Simulation and training (adapt to new skills required)
			Pilot error		
5	AIRSPACE	Partial implementation of free route operations (limited in geographical and/or time scope)	ATCO not fully aware of airspace constraint not updated	Inadequate ATC planning by ATCO	Simulation and training (adapt to new skills required)
			Working methods no longer applicable due to change in traffic flows and patterns	Inadequate ATC planning by ATCO	Adaptation of written procedures
			Aircraft entering in the geographical Free route airspace outside the activation time	Unexpected deviation from FPL route	Ensure proper notification and issue reminder NOTAMs

SAMPLE –  
WORK IN PROGRESS







## **SAFETY CASE – OUTSTANDING ITEMS FROM THE FAB IR**

### **– STILL UNDER DISCUSSION**

**FAB IR:**...A description of the arrangements clearly identifying and allocating the responsibilities and interfaces with relation to the...safety oversight and the accompanying enforcement measures in regard to the provision of air navigation services within the functional airspace block;

- ARG 4 – CROSS REFERENCE TO THE BLUE MED NSA AGREEMENT**

**FAB IR:** A description of the arrangements dealing with ...investigation

- CROSS REFERENCE TO THE RELEVANT ARTICLE IN THE STATE LEVEL**

### **AGREEMENT**



**PART 4: Going beyond the Regulation...  
Demonstration of safety benefits**

**DRAFT – STILL UNDER DISCUSSION**



## What additional information do we consider useful to give to the decision makers ?

...we can tell you which changes have a safety impact...

...we can advise you on which changes have the *most* safety impact...

...we can provide you with an initial assessment on what the safety impact may be on operations (positive / negative) ...

Hence, identify  
need for  
mitigations

...we can advise you whether introducing the changes in the framework of the FAB has safety benefits (or, reduces the associated risks) ...



## Demonstration of safety benefits – HOW ?

...How can you compare the safety effect, given the dissimilar type of changes ?

...Coordination  
and transfer (from  
telephone to automatic)

...vs

...Changing the lateral  
separation  
from 10 NM to 5 NM



### Demonstration of safety benefits – HOW ?



**...Novel approach is needed !**  
**Aerospace Performance Factor (APF)**  
**+ Analytic Hierarchical Process (AHP)**



**Step 1: Identify changes with a safety significance (e.g. Comms, coordination etc...)**

**Step 2: Decide on relative safety significance, using expert judgement *e.g. what can have the highest safety impact, loss of COMMS or loss of SUR ?***

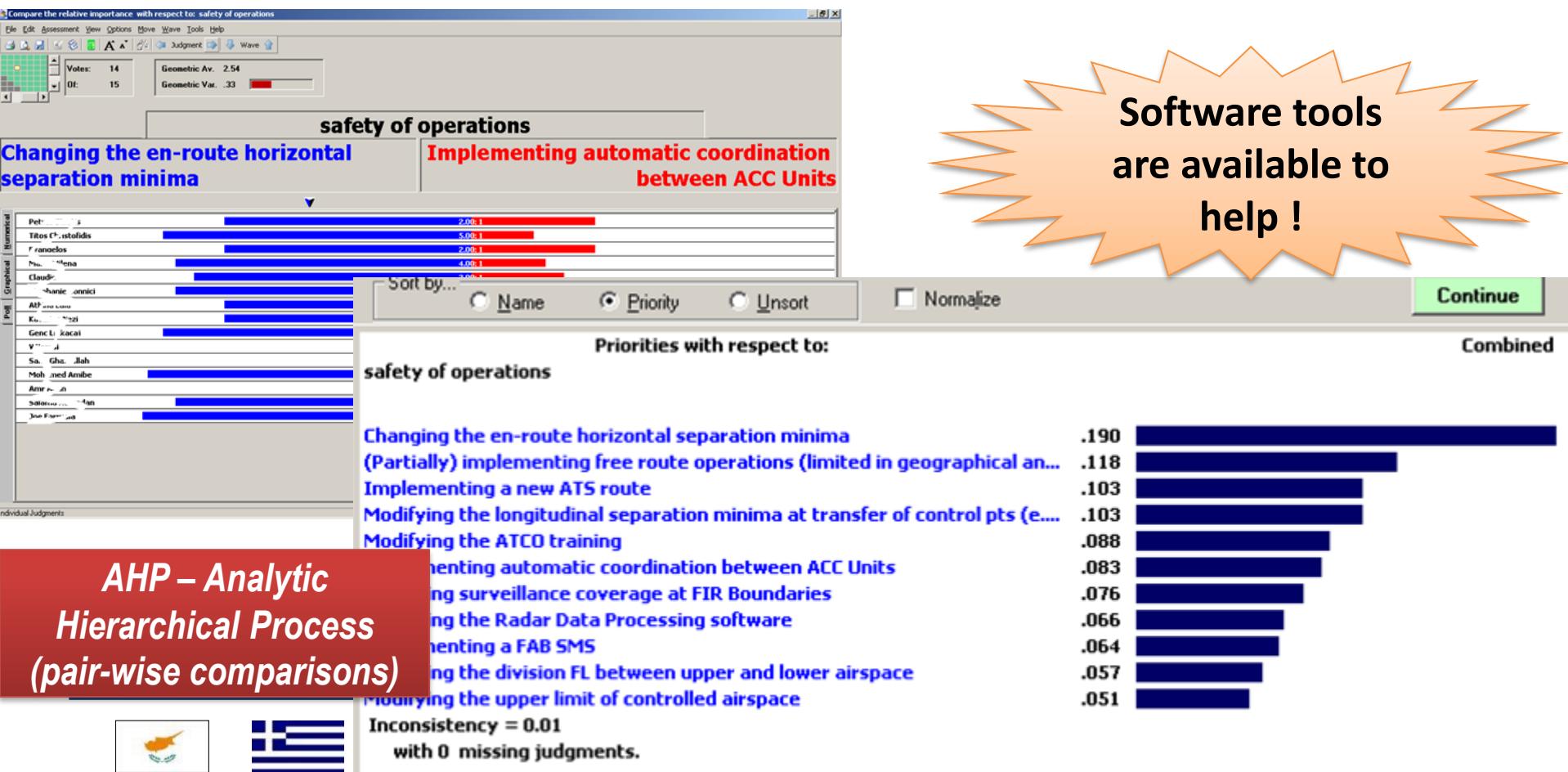
**Step 3: Assess (*qualitatively*) on what the impact may be (positive / negative)**

**Step 4: Assess whether introducing the changes in the framework of the FAB has safety benefits (...and why and by how much)**



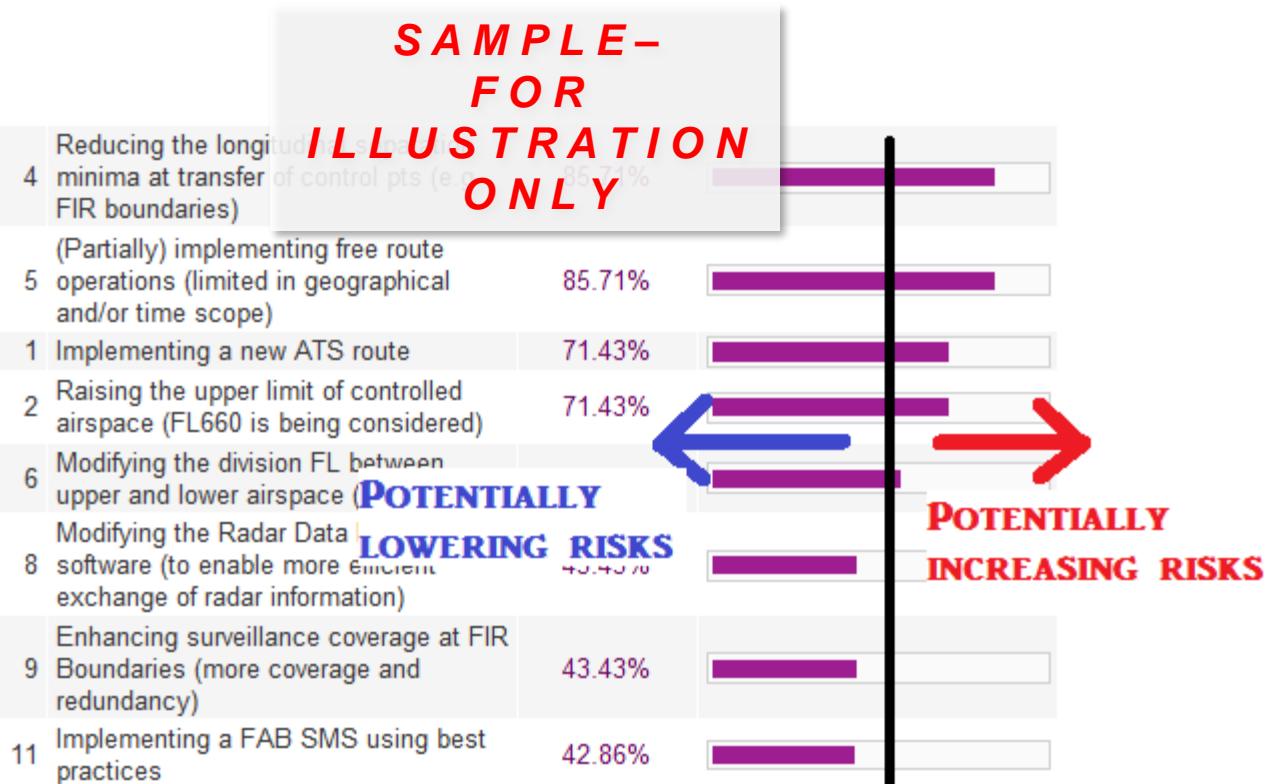
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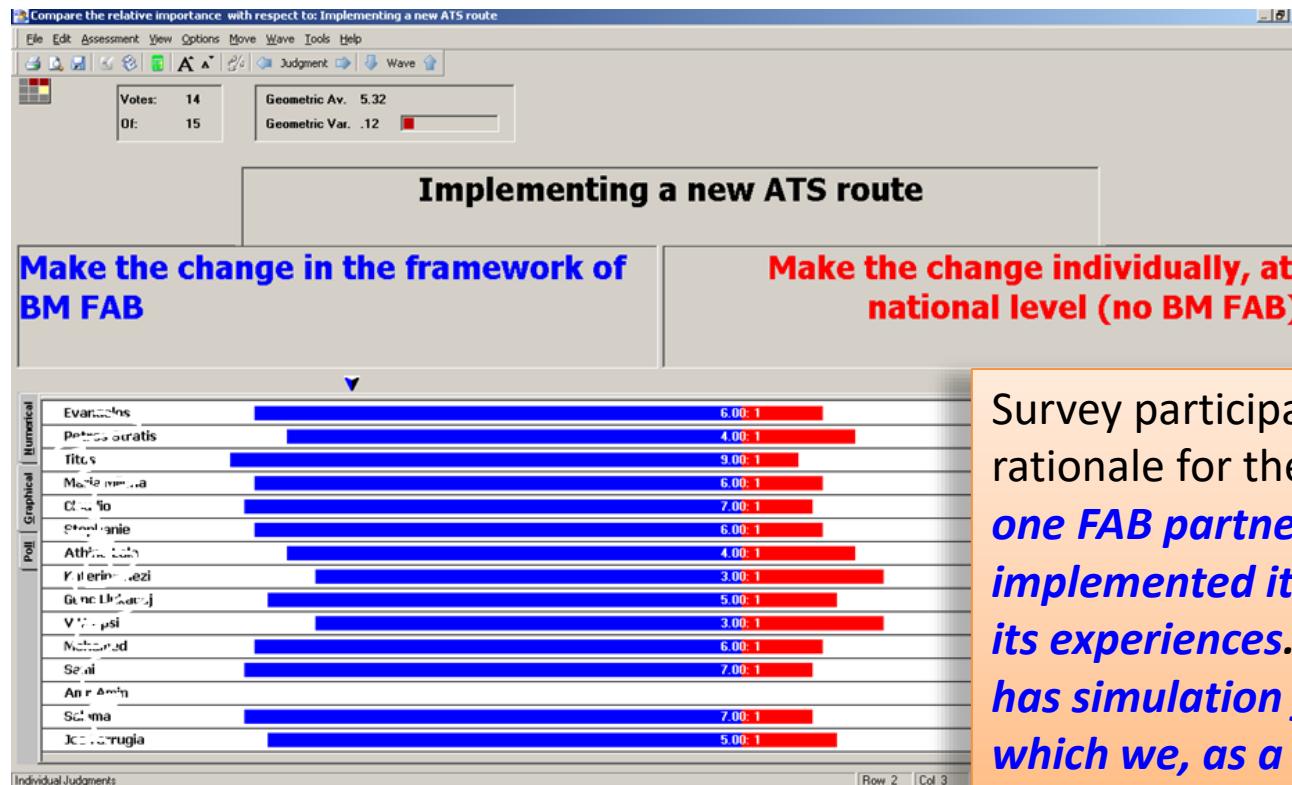
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### Demonstration of safety benefits – HOW ?

**Step 4:** Assess whether introducing the changes in the framework of the FAB has safety benefits (...and why and by how much)



SC  
safety  
arguments

Survey participants also offer the rationale for their replies e.g. *“...because one FAB partner has already implemented it and we can learn from its experiences...”* or *“...because the FAB has simulation facilities and expertise which we, as a state, we don’t have...”*



### Demonstration of safety benefits – HOW ?

Putting it all together...

Domain / Change	Relative Weight	SAFETY EFFECT OF CHANGES		FAB FACTOR	SAFETY EFFECT WITH FAB
Modifying the en-route horizontal separation minima (5 NM under consideration)	0,199	2	0,398	0,697	0,277406
Harmonising the longitudinal separation minima at transfer of control	0,087	1,33	0,11571	0,71	0,0821541
Introducing Free route operations (limited in geographical and/or time scope)	0,113	1,67	0,18871	0,717	0,13530507
Modifying the upper limit of controlled airspace above FL460 (upmost FL to be decided)	0,050	1,33	0,1605	0,57	0,037905
Modifying ATCO Training according to best practice in the FAB	0,23	1,33	0,0425	0,725	0,0308125
Implementing a new ATS route	0,081	1,33	0,10906	0,812	0,08855672
Changing the division FL between upper and lower airspace (FL195)	0,058	1	0,058	0,551	0,031958
Improving the coordination process between ACC Units (automatic - OLDI)	0,081	0,34	0,02754	0,658	0,01812132
Improving surveillance coverage in FIR boundaries	0,068	0,02	0,00136	0,732	0,00099552
Changing the Radar Data Processing software to use ASTERIX format	0,053	1,33	0,07049	0,545	0,03841705
Implementing a FAB Safety Management System (based on best practices)	0,084	0,84	0,07056	0,72	0,0508032

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ILLUSTRATION  
ONLY

In this example, it is demonstrated that the foreseen changes can be implemented, in the framework of the FAB, with apprx. 30% reduced risk



# Thank you



Questions ?

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