

## **INDRA'S SOLUTION SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES FIRST SIMULATION TEST TO CONTROL THREE AIRPORTS SIMULTANEOUSLY FROM A REMOTE POSITION**

- **This is the first step within SESAR towards a remote tower solution for controlling multiple airports, improving regional mobility in Europe**
- **While single remote tower control revolutionary concept has already been deployed, the greater impact in terms of cost-effectiveness will be generated by controlling multiple airports**
- **Three experienced air traffic controllers were individually exposed to different scenarios with increasing traffic load and complexity to assess their capacity to manage multiple airports**
- **Indra provided for this test its InNOVA controller working positions fully integrated with its 3D simulation environment**

**Oslo, May 28, 2018.-** Norwegian air service provider AVINOR with Indra and its Norwegian subsidiary, Indra Navia, as technology provider have successfully completed the first test in a series of validations within SESAR 2020 Programme to simultaneously manage traffic in multiple airports from a single remote position.

While single remote tower control has already been deployed and has been considered a revolutionary concept of Air Traffic Management, the most significant impact in terms of meeting business case objectives, operational cost-effectiveness and the lowest possible total cost of ownership is expected to be generated from multiple tower operations and/or remote centre applications.

Late March, Indra Navia hosted in their facilities at Asker the first validation exercise to assess the air traffic controller officers (ATCOs) capability when providing simultaneous air traffic services to three aerodromes from an integrated controller working position.

The testing platform, based on Indra air traffic management systems, provided a fully integrated 3D tower environment recreation of three Norwegian airports, Røst, Haugesund and Bodø with simulated traffic. All relevant information and controls were available through InNOVA, the integrated controller working position which included radar traffic views, meteorological information, relevant airport monitoring and control, and electronic flight strips for the three airports. The validation platform also composed of other tools such as voice communication system to the ATCOs.

A new short-term planning and management tool was developed specifically for the validation. This includes a time-line that provides the controller officers with an intuitive graphical indication of the imminent traffic load based on up-to-date estimations of arrival and departure times.

Three experienced ATCOs were individually exposed to three different scenarios with increasing traffic load and complexity. The exercises were followed by interviews and questionnaires on subjects such as situational awareness, human factors, workload, operational constraints, feasibility and tool support for further analysing.

The validation brings valuable information and results and will form an important base for the work towards the next maturity level of the multiple remote tower concept. Initial results clearly indicate that it is possible for a single air traffic controller to operate traffic at more than one airport simultaneously.

Avinor's Remote Tower Program will establish Remote Towers at 15 airports and control them from a Remote Tower Centre, and Multiple Operations is a vital part of our concept. "We are very happy that this validation shows we are on the right track", said Jan Østby, Director Remote Services, Avinor ANS.

El Programa de Torres Remotas de AVINOR contempla el despliegue de 15 de esta tecnología para gestionar 15 aeropuertos desde una Centro de Torre Remota. "Estamos muy contentos de que esta

validación haya mostrado que nos encontramos en el camino apropiado”, afirmó Jan Østby, director de Servicios Remotos de AVINOR ANS.

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