

ACI EUROPE RECOMMENDED PRACTICE 3/14

COLLABORATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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INTRODUCTION

This ACI EUROPE Recommended Practice is entirely and exclusively based on the Specification launched by EUROCONTROL at the 9TH ACI Airport Exchange in Paris on 4 November 2014. It was adopted by the ACI EUROPE Environmental Strategy Committee on 17 October 2014 and approved by the Board of ACI EUROPE on 30 October 2014.

EUROCONTROL's Specification on Collaborative Environmental Management (CEM) was developed over a number of years with the close involvement of ACI EUROPE and other industry stakeholders. It was produced to help airports and their operational partners - including airlines and ANSPs - manage an increasing stock of environmental regulations with a view to enable them to arrive at speedier and more effective joint solutions for the sustainable operation and development of airports.

Practically, it requires of CEM partners to put together monitoring processes to track key environmental parameters and support the work of competent authorities and each other in complying with environmental regulation. The content of these arrangements will vary from airport to airport, but the CEM Protocol developed by EUROCONTROL and endorsed by ACI EUROPE as an industry Recommended Practice foresees the establishment of a minimum frequency of meetings, agreed rules on confidentiality and the opening of dialogue with external stakeholders.

The way in which this Recommended Practice helps produce joint solutions is by promoting a better understanding of the business interdependencies between airports, airlines and ANSPs as well as their common environmental impact. The underlying working arrangements represent a natural step forward for environmental management at airports – which is why ACI EUROPE decided to actively promote the implementation of CEM by its airport members through its endorsement as an ACI EUROPE Recommended Practice. CEM addresses real-world needs building on real-world practices.

The issues to be addressed through CEM working arrangements include noise, local air quality and greenhouse gas emissions – arguably the three most critical environmental priorities for airport operators. By offering a general rubric for airport partners to address them in a collaborative manner, the CEM Protocol helps them to identify trade-offs between the objectives and to make informed decisions.

As such, CEM marks a valuable new addition to ACI EUROPE's toolbox of Recommended Practices that will contribute to positioning airports at the forefront of sustainability in aviation.

On the conventions, applicability, background, scope, and references of Collaborative Environmental Management, the reader is referred to the CEM Specification document accessible on EUROCONTROL's website: <https://www.eurocontrol.int/>.