

EU-South Asia Aviation Partnership Project

PROJECT NARRATIVE

Traffic forecasts for South Asia are the highest in global aviation, expected to grow at 8.6 percent per year over the next 20 years. Its demographics are highly favourable to the growth of air transportation, with a growing middle class and population entering the workforce. The region’s real GDP is forecast to grow an average 6.5 percent per year through to 2033.

The EU-South Asia Aviation Partnership Project is funded by the European Commission to enhance political, economic and environmental partnership between the EU and South Asia in the domain of civil aviation. The project aims to provide South Asia with access to the entire European system, including EU regulatory authorities, accident investigation bodies, industry, training and consultancy organisations.

The expected results of this project are:

- ➔ Enhanced policy dialogue and stronger institutional links
- ➔ Safer and a more harmonised market for aviation industry
- ➔ Raised standard of environmental protection and climate change



The project works closely with existing regional initiatives including the ICAO-facilitated COSCAP-SA and the South Asia Regional Initiative (SARI). Whilst focusing primarily on aviation safety, the project also aspires to foster institutional relations and cultivate a long-term partnership between the EU and South Asia.

IMPLEMENTATION COUNTRIES



AT A GLANCE



Aligns the EU and South Asia
in the field of civil aviation



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BACKGROUND

The European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) is implementing the EU-South Asia Aviation Partnership Project on behalf of the European Commission. The project partners with the member states of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC): Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

In the face of rising traffic levels, it is essential that the aviation safety oversight mechanisms in South Asia are commensurate with forecast growth. It is equally important to engage and respond to the timely and appropriate development of aviation infrastructure and associated processes to ensure adequate levels of safety, security, efficiency and environmental protection.

These objectives can be met through enhanced partnership between the EU and South Asia in the domain of civil aviation. Partnering through technical cooperation will contribute to a higher level of aviation safety and environmental standards in South Asia, as well as a more harmonised regulatory regime for the benefit of South Asian industry.



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