

## SESAME - the signing ceremony

SESAME is THE strategic programme for the Air Traffic Management infrastructure modernisation in Europe and for the first time in the air transport world, it federates the whole Air Transport Community as well as Institutions towards a common objective: define together the ATM necessary changes to allow all air transport stakeholders to build and fully benefit from the air transport growth.

***We have the pleasure to announce that following successful negotiations between EUROCONTROL and the SESAME Consortium, the SESAME Definition Phase will be officially launched on the 17<sup>th</sup> of November at 9:30 in EUROCONTROL headquarters in Brussels.***

With SESAME, the cooperation between all the air transport stakeholders - airspace users, civil and military ANSPs, airports, supply industry, controllers, pilots - within an initiative supported by the EC and EUROCONTROL, reaches an unprecedented dimension. This is the reason why it was decided to organise a SESAME signing ceremony that would really reflect the significance of this initiative :

- It will gather the CEOs and top-management of the 31 partners signing the contract together with EC Vice President and Transport Commissioner Jacques Barrot and EUROCONTROL Director General Victor Aguado,
- Key journalists from the specialised air transport magazines as well as national general press will be invited,
- A high level political paper, re-affirming the commitment of the participants towards implementation of Air Traffic Management Systems of the future will be signed,
- A short address to the press will be made by Commissioner Barrot, Director General Aguado and Olaf Dlugi representing the SESAME consortium.

By participating to the ceremony, the SESAME partners publicly re-affirm their commitment to build together the road to the Air Traffic Management of the future.

