



Supporting  
European  
Aviation

# European Aviation Network Challenge

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meeting – ERM2023

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# Analysis of summer 2023

We knew **Summer** 2023 would be a **challenge**



**SUMMER 23** will not be  
**GREAT**  
we need to make it  
**MANAGEABLE**



**2023** will be  
an important test  
to demonstrate  
**AVIATION INDUSTRY**  
**MATURITY**

## Summer 2023

7%

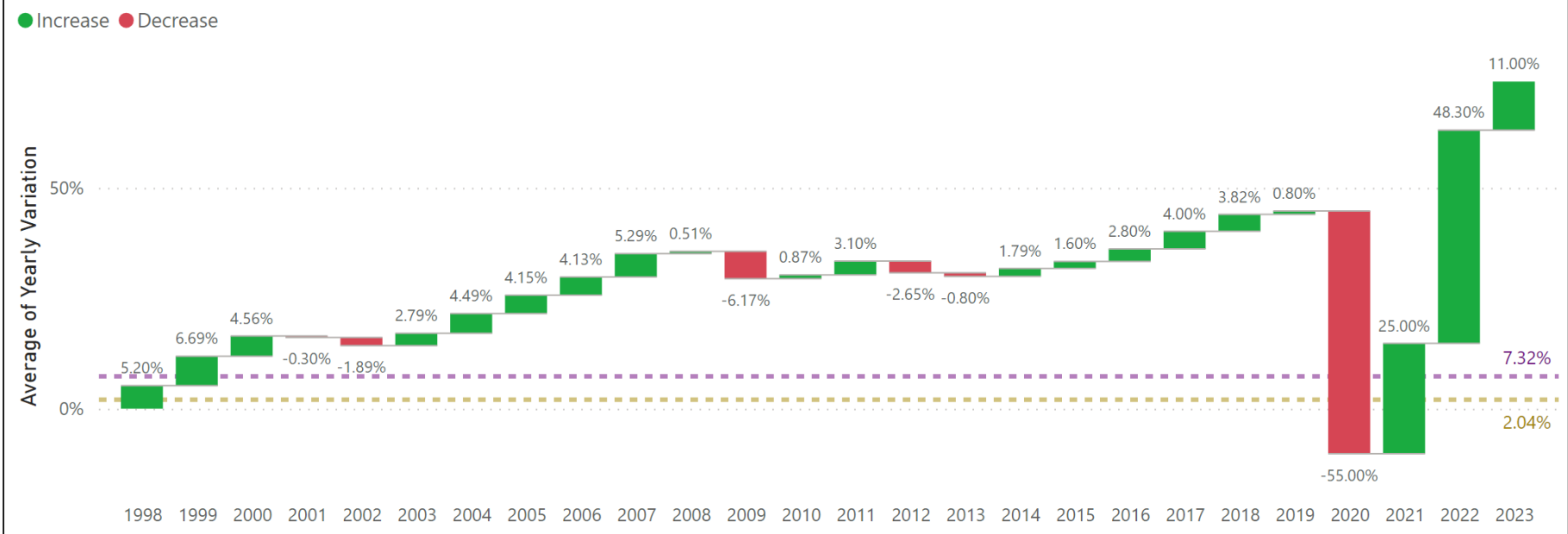
more traffic

18%

less delay per flight  
without the weather



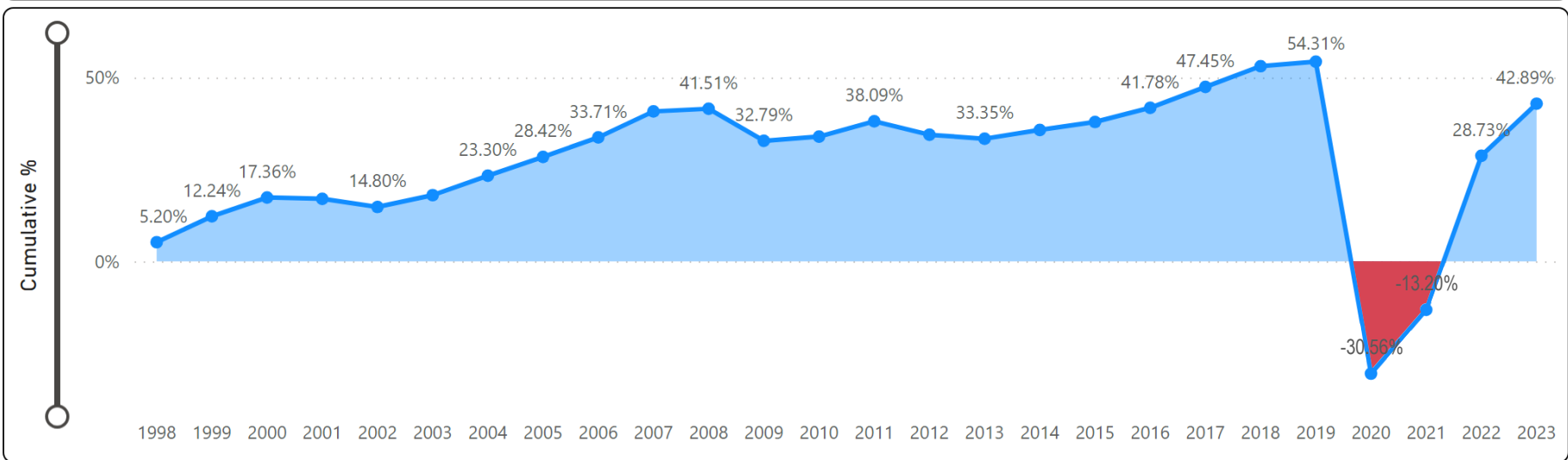
### Yearly European Network Traffic Variation



**2.85%**  
AVG\_Yearly Variation

**2.04%**  
AVG\_Yearly Variation\_up to 2019

**7.32%**  
AVG\_Yearly Variation\_from 2020



Strong collaboration and partnership  
ensured a

**MANAGEABLE  
SUMMER 2023**



in the European Aviation Network





How we achieved

# MANAGEABLE SUMMER 2023



**NOP**

**Rolling NOP**

**Joint Approach**

How we achieved

**MANAGEABLE  
SUMMER 2023** ✓

**NOP**

**Rolling NOP**

**Joint Approach**

- Early finalisation
- More than 100 bi-lateral and multi-lateral meetings
- Agreed network measures
- Agreed remedial measures
- Detailed preparation of major transition projects and military exercises
- Approximately 100 packages of airspace improvements



How we achieved

**MANAGEABLE  
SUMMER 2023** ✓

**NOP**

**Rolling NOP**

**Joint Approach**

- Expansion to 8 weeks Rolling NOP
- Agreed actions followed up through the Monday NDOP Teleconferences
- Several meetings per week with ANSPs to address hotspot areas
- Enhanced accuracy of traffic outlook
- Detailed follow up of transition plans
- Adjustment of network measures

# Summer 2023 Joint Approach

**This is a result of strong cooperation and partnership between EUROCONTROL and the Operation Stakeholders**

- Partnership with a no-blame approach is absolutely essential.

## PRIORITISING FIRST ROTATION

**REDUCTION** of 20.4% of First Wave delays vs 2022, despite 7% increased traffic

## DISCIPLINED FLIGHT PLAN EXECUTION

7% **REDUCTION** in unplanned entries into regulated airspace vs Summer 2022

## DELIVERING AGREED CAPACITIES

Average **REDUCTION** of 6.7% of departure delays as a result of en-route ATFM delays

## REALISTIC SCHEDULES, INCLUDING TURNAROUND TIMES

AOs **REDUCED** their turnaround time excess by 12% vs 2022

# LESSONS LEARN T

**Weather**

**Operational flexibility**

**Airlines scheduling**



# Preparations for summer 2024

# Summer 2024

**EUROCONTROL** is committed to a **robust plan** to address the lessons learned from **summer 2023** and to prepare **summer 2024** in full partnership with all operational stakeholders

# LESSONS LEARN T WAY FORWARD

**Weather**

**Operational flexibility**

**Airlines scheduling**

- **Build a network forecast approach**
- **Improve common weather procedures**



# LESSONS LEARN T WAY FORWARD

Weather

Operational flexibility

Airlines scheduling

- Improve ops staff flexibility
- Adapt to the Rolling NOP
- Develop airspace improvements
- Improve preparation of major events and military exercises



LESSONS  
**LEARN T**  
**WAY FORWARD**

Weather

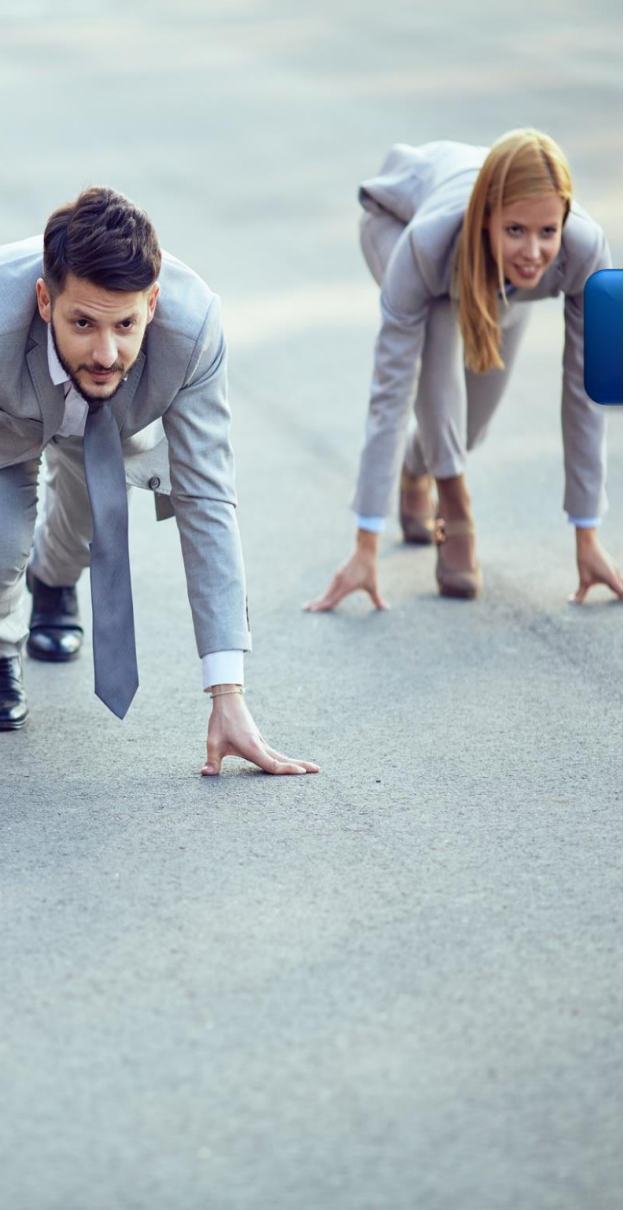
Operational flexibility

Airlines scheduling

- **Continued focus on turnaround**
- **Realistic scheduling, operationally driven**







## Summer 2024 preparation

NOP

Prioritising first rotation

Adverse weather management

Rolling NOP

Disciplined flight plan execution

Delivering agreed capacities

Realistic schedules, including turnaround times



# iNM update

# iNM

ON TIME

ON SCHEDULE

ON BUDGET

## WAVE 1

Nov 24



### Initial IDL (Integrated Data Layer)

Limited to AIS Data Maintenance



### Digital NOTAM

CP1 compliant, early adopters only

## WAVE 2 + 2.1

May & Nov 25



### Partial IDL

Integrating EAD



### IFPS & ETFMS re-platforming



### Dynamic Network Plan

Editor & Viewer



### Crisis Management

EVITA, AIREP, Portal, Narrator



### NMUI

New NM User Interface built on NMP consultations

## WAVE 3+

2026/2027



### Full IDL

Integrating CACD



### Airspace Management



### Network Performance

Simulation & Network Impact



### Integrated Flight & Flow

Single flight view



### NMUI evolutions

CHMI & EHMI replacement



### Data Services

Business Intelligence

## Going live from New OPS room

30 OCTOBER 2023

- OPS User testing ongoing

- Familiarisation 14 Sep to 16 Oct

- Shadow OPS 17 Oct to 29 Oct

- EASA notified on change end of July

- Approval process and timeline agreed

- Safety support case under development

- Transition 30/31 Oct on track

SHADOW iNM OPERATIONS

29 NOVEMBER

START OF INM OPERATIONS

15 MAY 2025



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