



CEARES Advisory Board Report

- Findings and Recommendations -

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Welcome Letter of the CEARES Advisory Board Co-chairmen

As co-chairmen of the Advisory Board of the *Central European Aeronautical Research Network (CEARES)* we were happy to be involved in this initiative. We strongly believe that CEARES has contributed and is still contributing to improve the knowledge of each other's capabilities and research potentials within Europe.

In 2008 when Roland Guraly from Slot Consulting, the coordinator of the project, asked us to accept the role of chairing the Advisory Board, we accepted this position in the hope that the project would prove its high importance and usefulness for all stakeholders; for the Central European countries and also for the rest of Europe.

The past two years showed that our expectations were correct, and looking back to the four successful workshops held during the two project years we can say that this project can be one of the key enablers of the Eastern-Western aeronautical research cooperation.

We hope that our experience has brought added value to the project and we are confident that the now self-sustained network will continue its work with the same efficiency as the earlier project.

This report summarises the opinion of the Advisory Board on the possible way forward. We do hope that its Findings and Recommendations provide valuable support for the future activities of the CEARES Network.

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Introduction

The CEARES Advisory Board decided during their meeting in Zilina to produce a short report on possible future activities in the field of CEARES. The "Findings and Recommendations" is a forward looking document that focuses on what should be done in the future to successfully integrate the Central European Aeronautics organisations to the European arena.

Independently from this report, CEARES has made a survey on the capabilities of the CEARES Network Members. This survey, perfectly usable as stand-alone report, has been added as an appendix to these Findings and Recommendations.

The Project and its Evolution

CEARES (Central European Aeronautical Research Initiative) was a two year FP7 project. It was launched on the 1st of April 2008 and ended on the 31st of March 2010.

The main idea of creating CEARES was to enhance regional cooperation in aeronautical research and development among different universities and research centres from the Central European region. A better mutual knowledge and understanding should help these institutes to coordinate their work and to integrate more easily to the European aeronautical supply chain. CEARES should help to bring them together and thus to develop possibilities to work closer together.

The main tool to reach these objectives was the creation of a regional network, to which key aeronautical research centres and relevant university departments were invited. The CEARES network members (Central European aeronautical research centres and universities) were informed about the capabilities, research activities and research needs of other members through workshops and through the website.

The CEARES community was supported by an Advisory Board consisting of leading European aeronautical research establishments, research coordination entities and industrial players.

So as not to lose the momentum created through this project, the Consortium and the Advisory Board have decided to maintain the CEARES Network and its activities also beyond the CEARES project period, i.e. from the 1st of April 2010 onwards.

This means the independent operation of the Network with the following **mission**:

- Supporting the organisation of events dealing with aeronautics, scientific/technical issues, EU-related questions with the aim to help the Central European countries in their integration to the European Research Area;
- Publishing newsletters periodically containing actual and regional news and events; and,
- Maintaining and developing the CEARES website according to any changes that may occur.