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Annex III - Impact of Russia's war of aggression on horizontal flight efficiency

# TECHNICAL NOTE ON THE IMPACT OF THE WAR IN UKRAINE ON HORIZONTAL FLIGHT EFFICIENCY (HFE) INDICATORS 

## A QUANTIFICATION OF THE EFFECTS OF CONFLICT ZONE AIRSPACE RESTRICTIONS ON HORIZONTAL FLIGHT EFFICIENCY VALUES

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

The invasion of Ukraine which began on February the $24^{\text {th }} 2022$ has led to extensive airspace closure and the need for airlines to reorganise the affected traffic, either cancelling flights or operating longer flights.

As the Horizontal Flight Efficiency (HFE) indicators utilise flight length as the main proxy for efficiency, those increased lengths have led to higher values for the indicators, which in the case of States close to the restricted airspace (in the northern and eastern part of Europe) have been notably higher. Due to the difference of the traffic flows involved, the effects have not been uniform.

Availability of alternative values of the indicator in which the impact of the exceptional circumstances has been considered is useful when there is a need to have comparisons. Such is the case for example when considering time series, which would otherwise be broken in two periods with different baselines. Similarly, those corrected values enable the comparison with targets which were established under assumptions which were valid at the time the targets were established but could not have envisaged such exceptional circumstances.

The purpose of this Technical Note is to define a methodology which can be used to generate those values, provide the details of the approach and the outcome of applying it to the data currently available.

Some HFE indicators are used in the Single European Sky (SES) performance scheme and targets have been set on the Key Environment indicator based on Actual trajectories (KEA). The technical note therefore provides some detail on the specificities of the indicator adopted for performance purposes and the proposed correction.

The final section of the technical note provides the values of the HFE based on the radar trajectories for the period January 2022 - May 2023, monthly and per SES Member State. Values for the entire SES area are also provided.

KEA is based on the HFE indicator calculated on radar data, with an additional provision to limit the impact of unusual, but temporary, circumstances: it is an annual rolling average in which the ten best and ten worst days are excluded from consideration. The evolving values of the KEA indicator (on the last day of each month) are also provided in the final section.

## 2 BACKGROUND

### 2.1 Horizontal Flight Efficiency Indicator

The Horizontal Flight Efficiency Indicator (HFE) uses the length of the trajectory as a proxy for the flight efficiency, so that longer flights are considered more inefficient flights.

For performance purposes it is the entire flight, gate-to-gate, from origin to destination, which is the main interest. For the additional distance, it is also the granularity at which the measurement is unequivocally defined ${ }^{1}$.

At the core of the indicator is the consideration that while it is true that the most appropriate unit for performance analysis is the entire flight, there is also interest in splitting the flight in separate phases, or according to the different geographical areas which are traversed by the flight. In those cases, there is also a general expectation that the values of the additional distances are internally consistent. Thus, the goal in defining the indicator was to have a measurement such that the sum of the additional

[^0]distances, no matter how the entire flight is split into parts, is equal to the additional distance from the airport of departure to the airport of arrival.

As distances are not additive ${ }^{2}$, the indicator requires the use of something else than the (great circle) distance to obtain the additivity property described above. "Achieved distance" provides such values.

In the rest of the document distance between two locations refers to the great circle distance between them ${ }^{3}$. The terms origin and destination refer to the first and last point of the trajectory considered for the flight, which in general should correspond to the airport of departure and the airport of arrival ${ }^{4}$.

Achieved distances take into explicit consideration:

- For a flight between the airport of departure and the airport of arrival there are two fixed points, corresponding to the location of the two airports; different flights might follow different paths, but all flights between the airport pair will share the two airports as end points ${ }^{5}$.
- There is a direction of travel, and the points are in a sequence ${ }^{6}$. Time ${ }^{7}$ is a natural way to keep the sequence.

The achieved distance assigns an estimate to the amount of distance between the origin and the destination that has been covered between any two points. The estimate is based on the location of four points: origin, first point, second point, destination. The additional distance is the difference between the amount flown and the amount achieved ${ }^{8}$.
The achieved distance is the average of ${ }^{9}$ :

- how closer the flight gets to the destination ${ }^{10}$ :
- distance between the first point and the destination minus
- distance between the second point and the destination, and
- how farther the flight gets from the origin ${ }^{11}$ :
- distance between the origin and the second point minus
- distance between the origin and the first point.

[^1]The calculation ensures that the achieved distance:

- Is the total distance to be covered by the flight when the two points are the origin and destination of the flight ${ }^{12}$.
- Does not depend on what happens before and after the two points ${ }^{13}$, so that the values are not influenced from additional distances in other areas.
- Provides ${ }^{14}$ an estimate of the additional distance due to the misalignment of those points with respect to the origin and destination.
- The sum of the achieved distances over all airspaces traversed is equal to the great circle distance between the origin and destination ${ }^{15}$.

All the above is not true for regular distances (so called "direct" between the two points), because of the mathematical properties of distances ${ }^{16}$. Regular distances would also ignore the additional information provided by the location of the origin and destination and direction of the flight ${ }^{17}$.

For the performance scheme the phase of interest is the en route phase of the flight, which has been defined to begin and end when the flight crosses a cylinder of radius 40 nautical miles centered at the airport(s).

In the version of the indicator which has been adopted for the performance scheme there are two main differences with respect to the plain indicator:

- The origin and destination of the flight have been moved from the airports to the border of the reference area for flights arriving or departing (or both) outside the area ${ }^{18}$.
- The inefficiency is calculated in percentage terms with respect to the achieved distance (the comparison between flown and achieved reflects the percentage increase rather than the absolute difference).

[^2]The KEA indicator is built upon the HFE indicator and is based on an annual moving window from which the ten best and worst days are removed.

More details on the calculation of horizontal flight efficiency and on the indicators can be found in the dedicated section of the Aviation Intelligence Unit's website (https://www.eurocontrol.int/ portal/pan-european-air-navigation-services-performance-data-portal).

### 2.2 Airspace closures

Immediately after the invasion of Ukraine, EASA issued a Conflict Zone Information Bulletin (CZIB) detailing restrictions on the operations of flights in Ukraine, Russia and Belarus (the restrictions on Belarus' airspace were active since February 2021), whose validity has been extended several times.

The CZIB is available at the page https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/domains/air-operations/czibs/czib-2022-01r08.

It lists the following as regions in which operators should not operate:

- All altitudes / flight levels of the following Flight Information Regions: FIR LVIV (UKLV), FIR KYIV (UKBV), UIR KYIV (UKBU), FIR DNIPROPETROVSK (UKDV), FIR SIMFEROPOL (UKFV), FIR ODESA (UKOV).
- All altitudes / flight levels of the airspace within 200NM surrounding the borders with Ukraine in the FIR MOSCOW (UUWV).
- All altitudes / flight levels of the FIR ROSTOV-NA-DONU (URRV).

In addition, operators are urged to exercise caution for the entire FIR MOSCOW (UUWW) and reminded that operations are prohibited in the FIR MINSK (UMMV), due to previous safety directives.

A map of the affected airspace is provided as part of the description of methodology in the following section.

## 3 DESCRIPTION OF THE METHODOLOGY APPLIED

As it is common in the case in counterfactual analysis, the data available cannot directly show what would have been the value of the measurements under different conditions which would have directly or indirectly led to alternative decisions. The analysis must rely therefore on assumptions or simulations. In this case the direct simulation of the trajectories is not available, and the analysis relies on information from the past about flights between airport pairs to identify the flights potentially impacted.

Faced with airspace closures an airline must consider the trade-off between the increased costs due to the need to fly longer trajectories (which might not even be feasible with the type of aircraft originally planned) and the loss of revenue and costs related to the cancellation of the flight.

In the former case the data includes a (possibly very) inefficient flight, while in the latter case the absence of the flight means that the recorded inefficiency is better than the one which would include the flight.

For what concerns the former aspect, the analysis does not exclude completely the affected flights but applies instead for them a correction to the value of the indicator. The latter aspect is not considered in this analysis, as there is no replacement of the missing traffic.

The main rationale behind the counterfactual reasoning is the following:

- Airlines base their decisions on the entire flight, whose end points are the airport of departure and arrival. The location of the two airports is considered a strong predictor of the airspaces which will be traversed.
- For the period before February the $24^{\text {th }} 2022$, flight plans reveal airlines preferences about the areas to be traversed. These preferences are unaffected by the restrictions, which were not active at that time.
- If airlines did not file to use an airspace in the period preceding the invasion, then its subsequent closure should make no difference to them.

The bulk of the analysis consists of the identification of the flights impacted by the restrictions, based on the information about past behaviour. As it will be shown the information about the airport pairs is not always sufficient to have high coverage of the entire set of flights. This is because some of the flights are operating on markets and destinations which were not served before (or at least not in the period considered, which goes back to the beginning of 2019). Those flights are treated differently, and the identification of impacted flights is based on a categorisation based on area pairs instead of airport pairs.

### 3.1 Definition of impacted area

While the restrictions are related to airspace closures in Ukraine, Russia and Belarus, their impact might be wider due to the redefinition of the traffic flows.

The analysis considers a slighter wider area than the one directly mentioned in the EASA's CZIB by taking in consideration all FIRs with ICAO code beginning with the following letters: UK, UL, UM, UR, UU ${ }^{19}$.

[^3]

Figure 1 shows in red the areas directly affected by the notice and in yellow the area considered as very probably affected, UL. It is considered as very probably affected as it is an area which is part of the Russian federation and is wedged between the restricted area and the area of interest for the analysis.
As a preliminary step of the analysis, all flight plans have been categorised based on whether the plan included traversing one or more affected FIR regions (any of the yellow and red areas in the map).

### 3.2 Dataset available

The dataset considered for the identification of the affected flights consists of all flight plans in the


Figure 2: Information on dataset available

[^4]There is not a one-to-one correspondence between airport pairs and traversal of the impacted area, as for the same airport pair some flight plans might include the traversal of the impacted area, while others might not include it (flight plans are specific to the flight and there is no predefined route between airport pairs).

For the purpose of categorising flights in the post-invasion period, though, the goal is to assign them ideally based on airport pairs, so that the information about the airport pair indicates whether or not the flight has been affected by the airspace closures.

### 3.3 Identification of the impacted flights via airport pairs

For the categorisation to be based on airport pairs, there is the need to assign airport pairs for those cases in which some of the flights have requested to traverse the impacted area while others have not.

A simple approach would be to categorise the airport pair according to the majority rule (whether more than $50 \%$ have flown through the impacted area), but in the exploratory phase of the analysis the goal is to have a better idea of how many of the airport pairs would fall in an undecided category, in which the percentages might be close to each other.

For each airport pair the analysis calculates the number of flights for which the flight plan includes the crossing of the impacted area (traversing flights) and what percentage they make of the total for that airport pair. The percentage gives therefore an estimate of the strength of the preference to go through those airspaces when flying between the two airports.

The period considered is the one before February the $24^{\text {th }} 2022$ in which the area was not restricted and so aircraft operators could decide where to fly. Belarus is an exception as it is an area which has been restricted since 2021. However, the dataset includes the years 2019 and 2020 of higher prepandemic traffic, while in 2021 the level of traffic was still low because of the pandemic.

The application of a threshold either side of the bounds on the percentage of traversing flights allows to define three categories: unaffected, unassigned, affected.

The bounds on percentages are 0\% and $100 \%$, so a threshold of $1 \%$ implies the use of $1 \%$ and $99 \%$ as cutoff values, while 5\% implies the use of 5\% and 95\% as cutoff values ${ }^{21}$.

Table 1 provides some examples showing the categorization based on the total number of

| Number of <br> flights in the <br> pair | Threshold | Number of traversing flights |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Undecided | Affected |  |
| 10 | $1 \%$ | 0 | $1-9$ | 10 |
| 10 | $5 \%$ | 0 | $1-9$ | 10 |
| 20 | $1 \%$ | 0 | $1-19$ | 20 |
| 20 | $5 \%$ | $0-1$ | $2-18$ | $19-20$ |
| 50 | $1 \%$ | 0 | $1-49$ | 50 |
| 50 | $5 \%$ | $0-2$ | $3-47$ | $48-50$ |

Table 1: Categorisation of the pair according to the number of traversing flights flights in the city pair and the number of traversing flights.

The lower the threshold, the fewer airport pairs (and all flights related) will be unequivocally assigned to the affected or unaffected category.

[^5]- When the percentage of traversing flights is below the threshold, the airport pair is considered as unaffected (all flights between the airport pair would be considered unimpacted postclosure).
- Conversely, when the percentage of traversing flights is above the complementary threshold the airport pair is considered as affected (all flights between the airport pair would be considered impacted post-closure).
- When the percentage is between the two values, the airport pair is considered to be "unassigned", as it might be considered to be in either category.

Table 3 and Table 2 show the outcome of applying the categorisation based on the value of $1 \%$ or $5 \%$ as threshold.

A comparison of the two tables shows that by changing the threshold to $5 \%$ a small percentage of airport pairs, and a higher one of flights, move out of the unassigned category and into the other two categories, but without major changes. To a change of categorisation of a relatively fewer number of airport pairs corresponds a higher coverage of flights. It also shows that the airport pairs involved have a relatively high number of flights, for which the choice of the $5 \%$ is relatively safe (the assignment is based on a bigger sample size).

The stability in the overall percentages is consistent with the fact that the great majority of airport pairs (which includes airport pairs within Europe and arriving from the South or from the West) is not affected by the airspace restrictions and is unequivocally assigned to a category.


Table 3: 3-ways categorisation based on airport pairs with $1 \%$ threshold.


Table 2: 3-ways categorisation based on airport pairs with 5\% threshold.

To reach an either-or decision concerning the categorisation of the airport pair, the conservative decision which errs towards considering an airport pair as impacted is taken. Thus, the unassigned and affected are grouped together in the impacted category.


Table 4: 2-ways categorisation based on airport pairs with 5\% threshold.

In terms of Table 1 above, it means that the range for the pair to be categorized as impacted is the union of the two ranges in the last two columns (with twenty flights, the airport pair will be considered unimpacted only if zero or one flights were traversing the impacted area, and impacted if two
or more flights were traversing the impacted area). Table 4 shows the results after the regrouping.

### 3.4 Identification of the impacted flights via area pairs

Moving to the analysis of data related to the post-invasion period, it can be verified how successful the methodology would in categorising all the flights.

For the period between February the $24^{\text {th }} 2022$ and May the $31^{\text {st }} 2023$, there are 159632 airport pairs and 11036002 flight plans.
Of those, 41145 are new airport pairs (they were not present in the previous dataset), for a total of 101831 flight plans.

While it is only $1 \%$ of the flights, it is around a quarter of the city pairs, and it would be preferable to have an additional criterion to assign the category of flights between those city pairs. This would necessarily be based on a coarser grouping, as the detailed grouping given by the airport pairs cannot be used (the airport pair is not there, so there is no "look up" value).

The categorisation can be made coarse thus:

- Consideration of the airport's ICAO area (based on the first two letter of the ICAO code) instead of the airport itself.
- Consideration of the unordered pair instead of the ordered pair. This means that the $A A-B B$ is grouped with $B B-A A$, as the two both describe more generic traffic flows between area $A A$ and area BB.


Table 5: 3-ways categorisation based on area pairs with 5\% threshold.

| Category <br> (Threshold 5\%) | Area | Pairs | Flights | Area <br> Pairs \% |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Flights |  |  |  |  |
| $\%$ |  |  |  |  |

Table 6: 2-ways categorisation based on area pairs with $5 \%$ threshold.

The results of applying the modified categorisation on the previous dataset are shown in Table 5 and Table 6, and can be compared with the results in Table 2 and Table 4 of the previous section. The conservative categorisation in this case leans slightly more towards the assignment to impacted than when considering the airport pairs.

This is to be expected as the areas defined via the two letter codes could be quite broad and the threshold used is still quite high.

It should be noted that for some airport pairs, the categorisation might be different between the two approaches, as the traffic between the airport pair would be part of the entire traffic flow between areas.

In those cases, we give priority to the categorisation based on the airport pair by following a sequential order, as explained in the next section.

### 3.5 Summary of steps for assignment of unimpacted status to a flight



Figure 3: Steps for assignment of unimpacted status to flight

The process of assigning the unimpacted status to flights follows a sequential order illustrated in Figure 3, therefore establishing a priority between the different ways in which a flight can be considered impacted or not.

Flights before February the $24^{\text {th }} 2022$ are considered all unimpacted because the restrictions were not active.

For flights after that date the assignment is made first on the more detailed information, i.e., the airport pair. The airport pair has been classified as unimpacted if, in the period pre-invasion, maximum 5\% of the flights between the
airport pair filed to cross the now restricted area.

If that information is not available because there were no flight plans between the airport pair in the pre-invasion period ${ }^{22}$, then the assignment is made on the basis of the area pair. The area pair has been classified as unimpacted if, in the period pre-invasion, maximum $5 \%$ of the flights filed to cross the now restricted area.

If the category of the area pair is also unknown, lacking any other information it is assumed that the flight would not be operated if particularly inefficient. The flight is therefore assigned to the unimpacted category ${ }^{23}$.

### 3.6 Correction applied to the indicator

As mentioned in the background section, the role of the achieved distances in the HFE indicator is to account for the additional distance which is implied by the location of two local points, such as for example the points of entry into and exit out of an airspace, with respect to the overall flight, in turn characterised by the location of the origin and destination.

The achieved distance is essentially a projection on the shortest path, so that to every possible location corresponds an achieved value between 0 and the great circle distance between the origin and destination.

[^6]

Figure 4: Correction applied to the indicator.
achieved distance is probably reduced.

The implicit redistribution of the additional distances is over the whole length of the flight and is slightly more pronounced near the origin and destination of the flight ${ }^{24}$, and when the trajectory is far from the shortest path ${ }^{25}$.

The more central is the portion of the flight ${ }^{26}$, the closer the value of distance and achieved distance between the two points (i.e., the additional distance is closer to zero).

One effect of moving the origin/destination to the border of the area instead of the airports is therefore to have in general lower achieved values with respect to those corresponding to the airports. On the other hand, the points might be better aligned.

As the adopted indicator makes the comparison between flown and achieved based on the ratio, the decrease in the value of the achieved distance is amplified by the use of the achieved distance also in the denominator.

The impacted flights will all be flights for which the origin or destination has been moved on the border, for which the

The correction therefore must be a heuristic one to be applied on the aggregate values. The one proposed is to keep the achieved distance (whose difference from the flown distance would still provide the correct value of the additional distance between origin and destination), but to limit the influence in the denominator by using an average of the flown, direct, and achieved distances in the denominator (the value of the average will necessarily be higher, and the correction will lead to a lower value of the indicator). This correction is applied only for the impacted flights.

## 4 RESULTS

The first results presented are the KEA values for the year 2022 before and after the proposed correction, and the value of the correction itself.

Table 7 and Figure 5 give a summary per State of those values (plus the value for the entire SES area). In Figure 5, which presents the areas in descending order of the impact of the war on the indicator (year 2022), the value in the white font and the length of the red bar correspond to the correction applied, the blue bar length corresponds to the KEA value after correction and the value in the black font correspond to the value of the KEA indicator (i.e., the sum of the two other values).

[^7]| Area | Impact of war | Corr. <br> KEA | $\begin{aligned} & \text { KEA } \\ & 2022 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Austria | 0.16\% | 1.93\% | 2.09\% |
| Belgium | 0.07\% | 3.46\% | 3.53\% |
| Bulgaria | 1.19\% | 2.09\% | 3.28\% |
| Croatia | 0.06\% | 1.43\% | 1.49\% |
| Cyprus | 0.57\% | 3.64\% | 4.21\% |
| Czech Republic | 0.32\% | 2.23\% | 2.55\% |
| Denmark | 0.10\% | 1.13\% | 1.23\% |
| Estonia | 3.26\% | 2.20\% | 5.46\% |
| Finland | 1.73\% | 1.55\% | 3.28\% |
| France | 0.03\% | 3.25\% | 3.28\% |
| Germany | 0.14\% | 2.62\% | 2.76\% |
| Greece | 0.13\% | 2.20\% | 2.33\% |
| Hungary | 0.76\% | 1.41\% | 2.17\% |
| Ireland | 0.03\% | 1.09\% | 1.12\% |
| Italy | 0.04\% | 2.94\% | 2.98\% |
| Latvia | 3.73\% | 2.53\% | 6.26\% |
| Lithuania | 7.56\% | 4.65\% | 12.21\% |
| Malta | 0.05\% | 1.85\% | 1.90\% |
| Netherlands | 0.10\% | 2.94\% | 3.04\% |
| Norway | 0.08\% | 1.24\% | 1.32\% |
| Poland | 2.30\% | 2.49\% | 4.79\% |
| Portugal | 0.00\% | 1.52\% | 1.52\% |
| Romania | 1.63\% | 1.73\% | 3.36\% |
| Slovakia | 1.78\% | 2.26\% | 4.04\% |
| Slovenia | 0.09\% | 1.63\% | 1.72\% |
| Spain | 0.02\% | 3.30\% | 3.32\% |
| Sweden | 0.52\% | 1.18\% | 1.70\% |
| Switzerland | 0.05\% | 4.46\% | 4.51\% |
| SES Area | 0.24\% | 2.72\% | 2.96\% |

Table 7: Quantification of impact of war on indicator value for SES States

The following subsections provide the detail at the monthly level for the entire year 2022 and up until the end of May for year 2023, presented in two graphs.

The first graph shows the total number of flights considered (blue bar) and the number of flights which have been considered impacted (orange bar), together with the share of this value over the total number of flights (grey line, right vertical axis). The second graph shows the value of the monthly HFE, both with the current indicator (orange dots) and the corrected one (blue dots). It also shows the value of KEA on the last day of the month (grey bar).

The numerical values are provided in the tables at the bottom of the graphs.

In the future these values will be generated and made available as part of the regular update of the AIU portal, so that stakeholders' activities (e.g., monitoring and target setting for regulatory purposes) can be supported by up-to-date information.


Areas presented in descending order of the impact of the war on the indicator (year 2022).
The value in the white font and the length of the red bar correspond to the correction applied.
The blue bar length corresponds to the KEA value after correction. The value in the black font correspond to the value of the KEA indicator, uncorrected (i.e., the sum of the two other values).

### 4.1 SES Area

Impacted flights and total flights


Horizontal Flight Efficiency values


### 4.2 Austria

Impacted flights and total flights


Horizontal Flight Efficiency values


### 4.3 Belgium

Impacted flights and total flights


Horizontal Flight Efficiency values


### 4.4 Bulgaria

Impacted flights and total flights


Horizontal Flight Efficiency values


### 4.5 Croatia

Impacted flights and total flights


Horizontal Flight Efficiency values


### 4.6 Cyprus

Impacted flights and total flights


Horizontal Flight Efficiency values


### 4.7 Czech Republic

Impacted flights and total flights


Horizontal Flight Efficiency values


### 4.8 Denmark

Impacted flights and total flights


Horizontal Flight Efficiency values


### 4.9 Estonia

Impacted flights and total flights


Horizontal Flight Efficiency values


### 4.10 Finland

Impacted flights and total flights


Horizontal Flight Efficiency values


### 4.11 France

Impacted flights and total flights


Horizontal Flight Efficiency values


### 4.12 Germany

Impacted flights and total flights


Horizontal Flight Efficiency values


### 4.13 Greece

## Impacted flights and total flights



Horizontal Flight Efficiency values


### 4.14 Hungary

Impacted flights and total flights


Horizontal Flight Efficiency values


### 4.15 Ireland

Impacted flights and total flights


Horizontal Flight Efficiency values


### 4.16 Italy

Impacted flights and total flights


Horizontal Flight Efficiency values


### 4.17 Latvia

Impacted flights and total flights


Horizontal Flight Efficiency values


### 4.18 Lithuania

Impacted flights and total flights


Horizontal Flight Efficiency values


### 4.19 Malta

Impacted flights and total flights


Horizontal Flight Efficiency values


### 4.20 Netherlands

Impacted flights and total flights


Horizontal Flight Efficiency values


Impacted flights and total flights


Horizontal Flight Efficiency values


### 4.22 Poland

Impacted flights and total flights


Horizontal Flight Efficiency values


### 4.23 Portugal

Impacted flights and total flights


Horizontal Flight Efficiency values


### 4.24 Romania

Impacted flights and total flights


Horizontal Flight Efficiency values


### 4.25 Slovakia

Impacted flights and total flights


Horizontal Flight Efficiency values


### 4.26 Slovenia

Impacted flights and total flights


Horizontal Flight Efficiency values


Impacted flights and total flights


Horizontal Flight Efficiency values


### 4.28 Sweden

Impacted flights and total flights


Horizontal Flight Efficiency values


### 4.29 Switzerland

Impacted flights and total flights


Horizontal Flight Efficiency values



[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ The distance between the airports being the minimal length possible for a flight and therefore the reference against which the "additional" can be calculated (the "zero" to ensure that all additional distances are positive).

[^1]:    ${ }^{2}$ The defining characteristic of distances is that they satisfy the triangular inequality. Defining the distance as the length of the shortest path joining two points, it means that when considering a third point, the sum of the distances between the two original points and the third one will be the same only when the third point is already on the shortest path, otherwise it will be higher. In Euclidean geometry the shortest distance corresponds to the length of the straight line between the two points, on a sphere it is along the great circle because of the curvature. Hence the use of great circle distance (GCD) for the indicator.
    ${ }^{3}$ The location of the points is identified by the latitude and longitude instead of $x, y, z$ coordinates in a threedimensional space, and the distance refers to a path on the surface instead of the straight line, which would be internal to the surface. The GCD takes into consideration the relative location of the points and the curvature.
    ${ }^{4}$ For the indicator adopted in the performance scheme, this is not always the case.
    ${ }^{5}$ The distance between them is the length of the shortest path between them.
    ${ }^{6}$ From the airport of departure to the airport of arrival.
    ${ }^{7}$ Real, estimated or forecasted.
    ${ }^{8}$ The flown is the length of the trajectory, which could be the one that results from radar points or the one implied by a flight plan or any other trajectory (e.g., because of a simulation). The achieved is the result of the calculation based on the four points (origin, first point, second point, destination).
    ${ }^{9}$ It is the difference of values between the two times which counts (closer and farther), not the value of the distance at either points. The direction of travel counts: decreasing distance to destination and increasing distance from origin are indication that the overall goal of the flight is being achieved (hence the name).
    ${ }^{10}$ Both distances are taken with respect to the destination. It is GCD(origin, destination) at departure and 0 at arrival. Both values are non-negative, while the difference between the two might be negative.
    ${ }^{11}$ Both distances are taken with respect to the origin. It is 0 at departure and GCD(origin, destination) at destination. Both values are non-negative, while the difference between the two might be negative.

[^2]:    ${ }^{12}$ The achieved distance is equal to the great circle distance between them. In the description above, the first point is the origin, and the second point is the destination. Closer to destination: GCD(origin, destination) GCD(destination, destination) = GCD(origin, destination) - 0, farther from origin: GCD(origin, destination) GCD (origin, origin) $=\mathrm{GCD}$ (origin, destination) -0 . Average: ( $G C D$ (origin, destination) +GCD (origin, destination)) / 2 = GCD(origin, destination).
    ${ }^{13}$ Except for the locations of the origin and destination of the flight, which are essential in defining whether there is additional distance implied by the location of the two points with respect to the origin and destination. ${ }^{14}$ The additional distance, which is the difference between the GCD and the achieved distance between the two points, is always positive (or zero). This is because the maximum value possible for the achieved distance is the GCD between the two points, which happens when the two points are on the great circle between origin and the destination, and the two points are also between the origin and the destination. In other words, when the two points are part of the shortest path between origin and destination there is no additional distance.
    ${ }^{15}$ Every intermediate point will be considered once with a positive sign and once with a negative sign (for each of the two values - towards destination and from the origin), while the origin and destination are taken into consideration once with the value of the overall great circle distance, and once as zero.
    ${ }^{16}$ To have an analogy with geometry in two dimensions, we can consider straight lines (as shortest, indicating a distance) and curves (not shortest). The more points considered the better the approximation to the length of the curve, and the worse the approximation to the length of the straight line joining the end points. The distance flown is a given, and what is needed for the indicator is the approximation of the portion of the straight line joining the end points.
    ${ }^{17}$ As an example, flying in the opposite direction with respect to the one from the origin to the destination might be efficient locally but is clearly inefficient for the whole flight.
    ${ }^{18}$ Consequently, the location of origin and destination might be different from the location of the airport of departure and the airport of arrival. The calculation of the achieved distances is with respect to the locations of origin and destination.

[^3]:    ${ }^{19}$ Generally, the first letter of the ICAO codes refers to the geographical region, and the second to an area within the region. The last two letters in the ICAO code for an airport identifie the specific airport within the area.

[^4]:    ${ }^{20}$ Flying into, flying out, flying inside or flying over.

[^5]:    ${ }^{21} 1 \%$ and $5 \%$ are the traditional values used in statistical approaches.

[^6]:    ${ }^{22}$ If the airport pair is known, it has been classified as impacted if, in the period pre-invasion, more than $5 \%$ of the flights between the airport pair filed to cross the now restricted area. Thus, at this stage it must be an airport pair which was not present in the period pre-invasion.
    ${ }^{23}$ The assumption compensates somewhat the small bias towards assuming that the flight has been impacted of the previous two steps.

[^7]:    ${ }^{24}$ They are the two reference points for the calculation of the achieved distances, and the same weight of $1 / 2$ is given to the distance from origin and distance from destination.
    ${ }^{25}$ Being far from the shortest path implies more additional distance because it means more effort to join origin and destination.
    ${ }^{26}$ That is, the farther it is from both origin and destination.

