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**Kick off and First Steering Committee Meeting of EASA- Eastern Partnership
and Central Asian Countries Assistance and Support Project**



On 13 July 2016, EASA officially launched in Chisinau (Moldova) a technical cooperation project for the Eastern Partnership and Central Asia countries. The four-year project aims at supporting the implementation of the European (as applicable) and international standards in civil aviation safety, security and market regulation. In the framework of the Kick-off and First Steering Committee Meeting also bilateral meetings were arranged with the delegates from beneficiary countries on 11, 12 and 14 July.

The project kicked off in the presence of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova, Mr Pavel Filip and the Minister of Transport and Road Infrastructure, Mr Iurie Chirinciuc, as well as representatives of the European Commission, beneficiary countries, the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the European Conference Civil Aviation (ECAC), which is responsible for the implementation of the project's security component as regards aviation cargo and mail security.

Mr Henrik Hololei, Director General for Mobility and Transport of the European Commission, briefed the participants about the EC priorities in civil aviation and assured of continued commitment to work together on the common safety challenges.

The meeting was an excellent platform for ensuring coordination with regional and international aviation partners as regards safety and security.

