

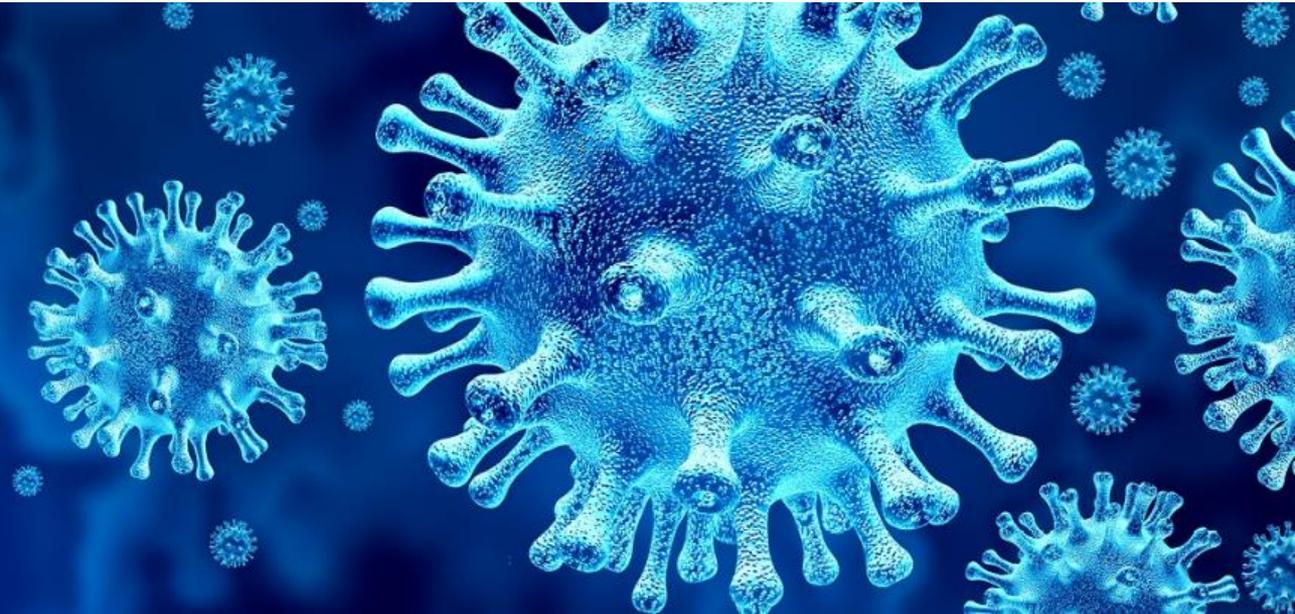
# ICAO EUR/NAT overview

## CAPSCA EUR Role

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## ICAO: UN specialized agency – 1944

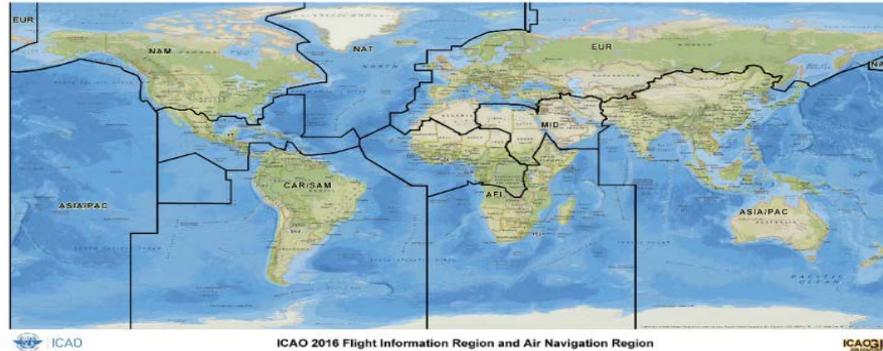
- Safe & orderly development of international civil aviation
- Headquarters in Montréal, Canada
- 7 Regional offices
- 193 Contracting States
- International Convention
- 19 Annexes with Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs)
- Additional guidance material, implementation assistance and audits





## Regional context and complexities

### ICAO European and North Atlantic Area



ICAO

ICAO 2016 Flight Information Region and Air Navigation Region

ICAO

Accredited to 56 Contracting States

A geographical area of responsibility stretching from the North Pole to the Sahara and from the Eastern Coast of North America to the Bering Strait (i.e. across 14 time zones) and 5 out of the 6 Official languages.

Special arrangements with Canada and USA

Inter-regional interface with APAC, MID, AFI, NACC, SAT

Diversity of needs and priorities





## Article 14, International Convention on Civil Aviation (Chicago Convention)

- Article 14, International Convention on Civil Aviation (Chicago Convention) Prevention of spread of disease.

Each contracting State agrees to take effective measures to prevent the spread by means of air navigation of cholera, typhus (epidemic), smallpox, yellow fever, plague, and such other communicable diseases as the contracting States shall from time to time decide to designate, and to that end contracting States will keep in close consultation with the agencies concerned with international regulations relating to sanitary measures applicable to aircraft. Such consultation shall be without prejudice to the application of any existing international convention on this subject to which the contracting States may be parties.

(...some history...)

In 1933 the first International Sanitary Convention for Aerial Navigation was signed at The Hague (without a conference) to protect communities against diseases liable to be imported by aircraft, as well as flying personnel against diseases due to flying.



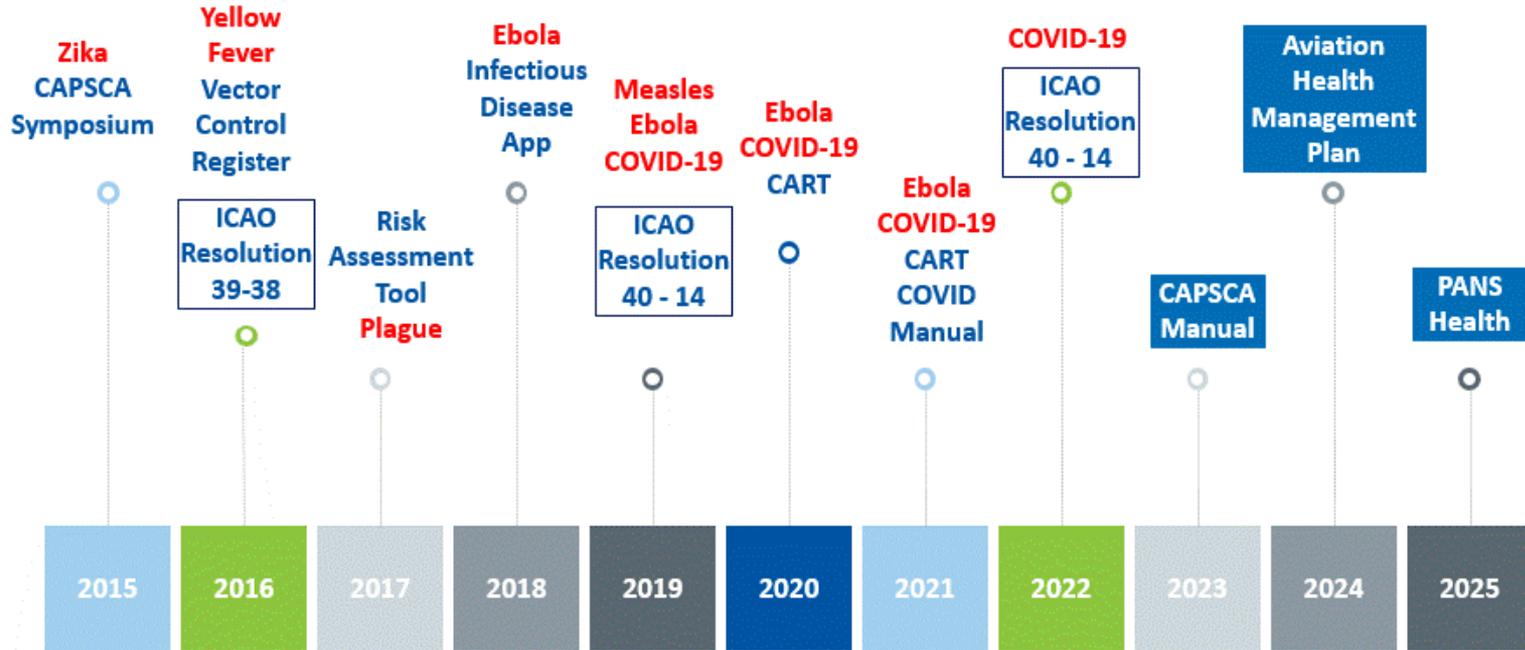
## What is CAPSCA (i)

- A difficult name: Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation
- But a simple idea behind it: Collaboration of Aviation and Public Health
- Managed by ICAO in partnership with WHO
- Working closely with many other partners both public and private stakeholders
- CAPSCA framework: ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices and WHO International Health Regulations

[www.capsca.org](http://www.capsca.org)



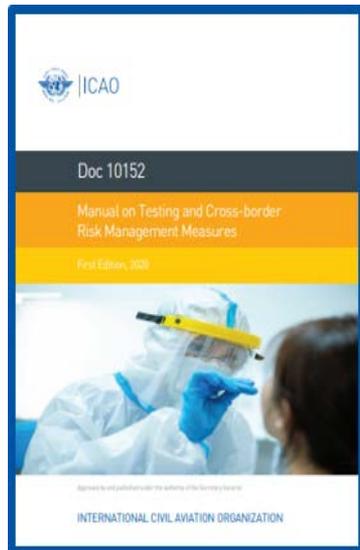
# CAPSCA and public health emergencies





## CAPSCA activities

### Guidance & Training



### Assistance visits



13 initial and 13 follow-up visits in Americas

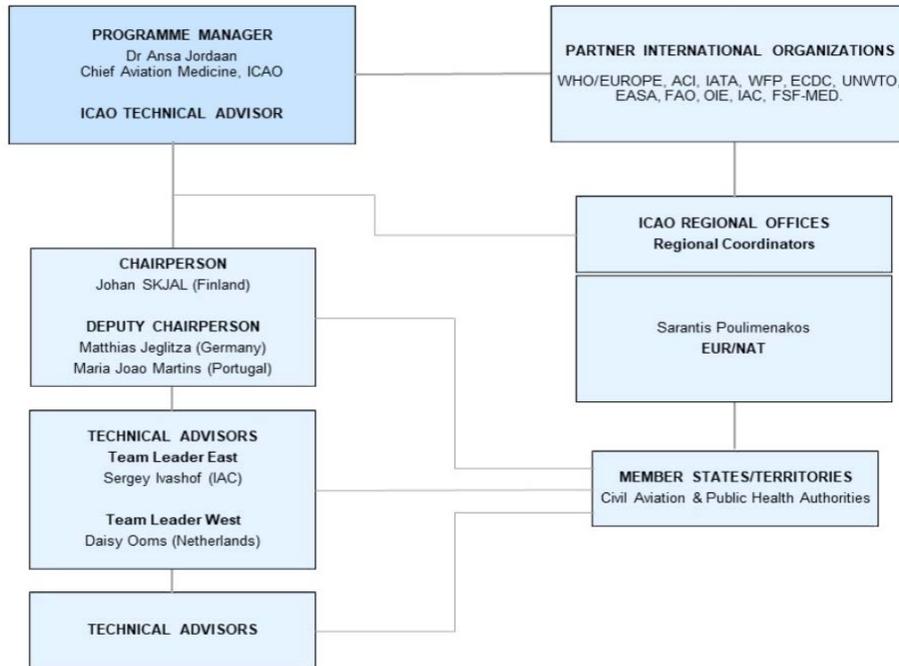
Annual global and regional meetings

### Regional events





# Structure of CAPSCA-EUR –EST 2011-48 States





## CAPSCA +

- Strengths:
  - A bridge inbetween Aviation and Public Health sectors
  - It is not a project with limited time span, but a long-lasting component of ICAO global workprogram
  - Established network of front line public health and aviation experts: YOU
  - Support States both during the preparedness phase and during crisis
  - Multisectoral structure, a unique platform to coordinate with other International Organizations during crisis
  - Involves all the ICAO Bureaus and Regional Offices and reaches all 193 ICAO States with 'Think global – act local concept'



## CAPSCA -

- Challenges :
  - Scarce CAPSCA resources at ICAO HQ and at EUR/NAT Office
  - CAPSCA is NOT funded by the ICAO regular budget, only from Voluntary Funds
  - Many regulatory activities with less Implementation activities/support to States
  - Complex institutional environment
  - Lack of preparations for different types of crises (e.g. Biological warfare, radiation etc.)
  - Lack of harmonization of procedures among States/Guidelines/Sovereignty



## ICAO CAPSCA EUR Activities /COVID 19 period

- Development and release of the CAPSCA online Training for Technical Advisors (January 2020)/JAA TO –ICAO GAT
- Increased the number of CAPSCA EUR States by 13.
- Daily updates/official info for COVID-19 during infodemic/info repository
- EUR/NAT States' restrictions updated weekly
- Coordination with EASA on the implementation of PH Guidelines
- Lessons learned registry



## Public Health measures Implementation - Guidance to States

- **EASA-ECDC COVID-19 Aviation Health Safety Protocol** as an aligned acceptable means of compliance

EUR/NAT Letter 20-0406.TEC



- **Inspection checklists** to support monitoring of implementation available upon request





## CAPSCA future strategy

↑CAPSCA membership

↑CAPSCA Participation

Collaborative decisions

Alignment Sendai Framework

Agreements

Memoranda of Understanding

Lessons learned

CASAG (scientific group)

States, partners, sponsors

Customizable Templates

Aviation Health Plan

PANS: Health

CAPSCA manual

Politics



Economy

Financial support



Social

Human resources

Legal



Technology

Innovation e.g. telemedicine

Digital tools

Global digital platform

CAPSCA Innovation working group

group

Environment



## ICAO/ WHO Memorandum of Understanding

- ICAO: UN specialized agency promoting the safe and orderly development of international civil aviation throughout the world
- WHO: UN specialized agency for health acting as the directing and coordinating authority on international health
- Both agencies:
  - Are committed to the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
  - Collaborated through CAPSCA since 2009
  - Intensified collaboration during the COVID-19 pandemic in several additional areas
  - Agree that public health and international are interlinked
- Signed an MOU supported by a joint work plan



## Way forward-just few thoughts

- Further development of the already established cooperation with different organizations like EASA, ECDC, WHO Europe.
- Enhance coordination to support the States/optimize resources
  - within ICAO: Plan interregional activities and;
  - within the IOs (EASA-ECDC-EU-WHO-ACI-IATA)
- Develop e-tools and e-docs/templates, develop virtual technical assistance and OJT for the States.
- The new reality will not be the same so CAPSCA would remain the same??



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and Caribbean  
(NACC) Office  
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(SAM) Office  
Lima

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Central African  
(WACAF) Office  
Dakar

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North Atlantic  
(EUR/NAT) Office  
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(MID) Office  
Cairo

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