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This presentation outlines the planned upgrades within the Cairo Flight Information Region. We aim to improve efficiency, enhance safety, and accommodate future air traffic growth.

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1. The project roadmap



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Phase	Milestone activity	Weight	Assigned to	Start date	End date	Status	% completion	Weight of Completion	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Planning and Data gathering		20%	R&D - ATC sector	01-10-2023	10-02-2024	Completed	100%	20%												
	Operational Requirements	10%		01-10-2023	05-10-2023	Completed	100%													
	Create Airspace Design Team	10%		08-10-2023	11-10-2023	Completed	100%													
	Project objectives and timescales	10%		12-10-2023	17-10-2023	Completed	100%													
	Data gathering and Analysis	10%		22-10-2023	26-11-2023	Completed	100%													
	Select Safety Criteria	10%		28-11-2023	29-11-2023	Completed	100%													
	CNS/ATM enablers and constraints	10%		04-12-2023	07-12-2023	Completed	100%													
	GAP Analysis	20%		10-12-2023	14-12-2023	Completed	100%													
	CMC and initial approval	20%		24-10-2024	10-02-2024	Completed	100%													
Airspace design		20%	AIM	07-04-2024	12-06-2025	Completed	100%	20%												
	Initial design scenarios	40%		07-04-2024	08-05-2024	Completed	100%													
	Operations consultation	20%		09-05-2024	14-05-2024	Completed	100%													
	finalizing designs	40%		15-05-2024	12-06-2024	Completed	100%													
Validation		10%	ATC sector & safety	15-05-2024	24-10-2024	Completed	100%	10%												
	Mitigation measures and controls	50%		15-05-2024	10-06-2024	Completed	100%													
	FTS	25%		23-09-2024	25-09-2024	Completed	100%													
	RTS	25%		01-10-2024	24-10-2024	Completed	100%													
Training		25%	Training directorate	31-10-2024	08-01-2025	Completed	100%	25%												
	Training plan and Simulator Data	30%		31-10-2024	07-11-2024	Completed	100%													
	Awareness and training material	20%		10-11-2024	14-11-2024	Completed	100%													
	Simulator training	50%		17-11-2024	08-01-2025	Completed	100%													
Implementation		25%	ATC sector	09-01-2025	17-04-2025	on track	50%	13%												
	Manuals Amendments	25%		09-01-2025	30-01-2025	Completed	100%													
	Submission to State for approval	25%		05-02-2025		Completed	100%													
	finalization of Publication	10%		05-02-2025	05-02-2025	Completed	100%													
	ATM Automation data set	20%		10-04-2025	11-04-2025	on track	0%													
	effective date - Implement - On-job training	10%		17-04-2025		on track	0%													
	Conduct post-implementation review	10%		17-04-2025		on track	0%													

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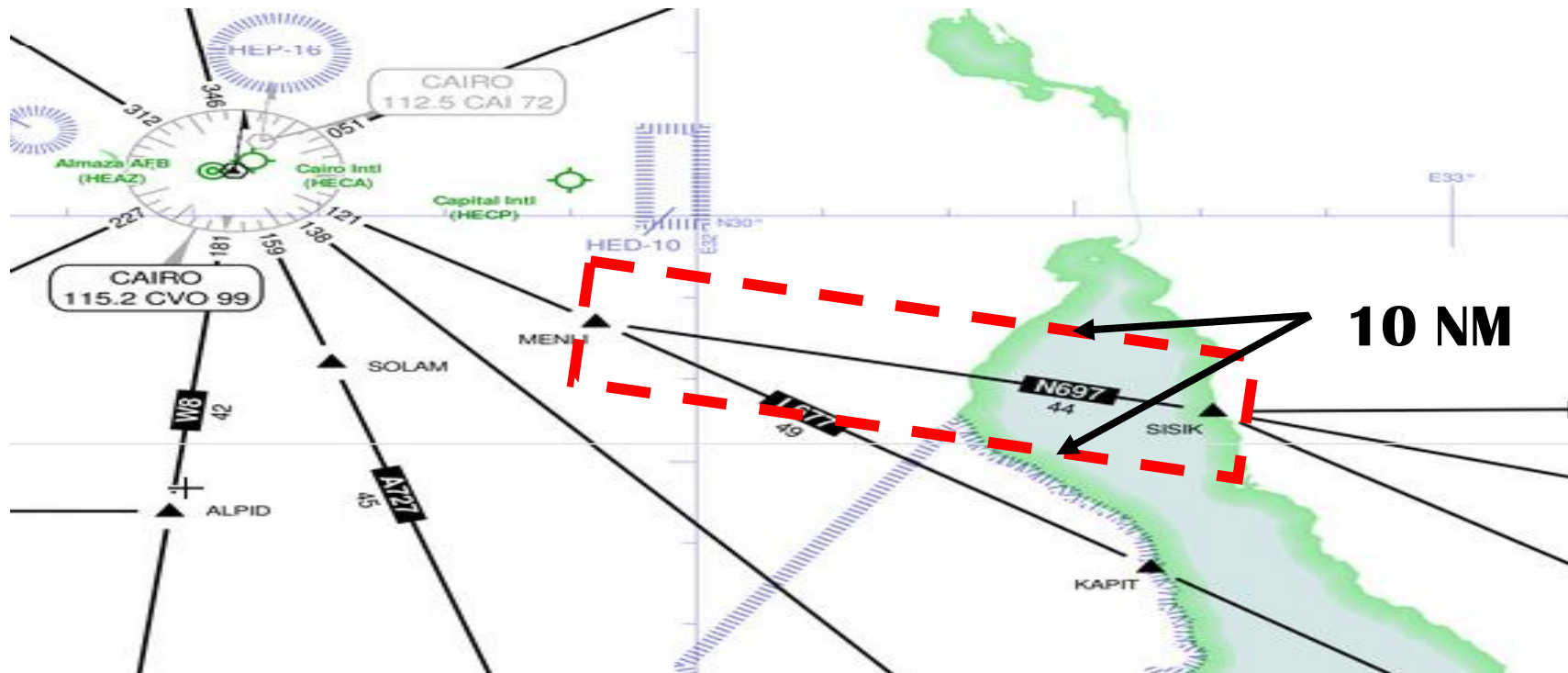
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❖ Increase the width of airway N697 segment between waypoints MENLI and SISIK to 10 NM. This widening could be for various reasons, such as:

- ✈ Increased Traffic: To accommodate a higher volume of air traffic in the area.
- ✈ Safety Margins: To provide greater separation between aircraft and enhance safety.
- ✈ Weather Considerations: To allow for more flexibility in flight paths during adverse weather conditions.

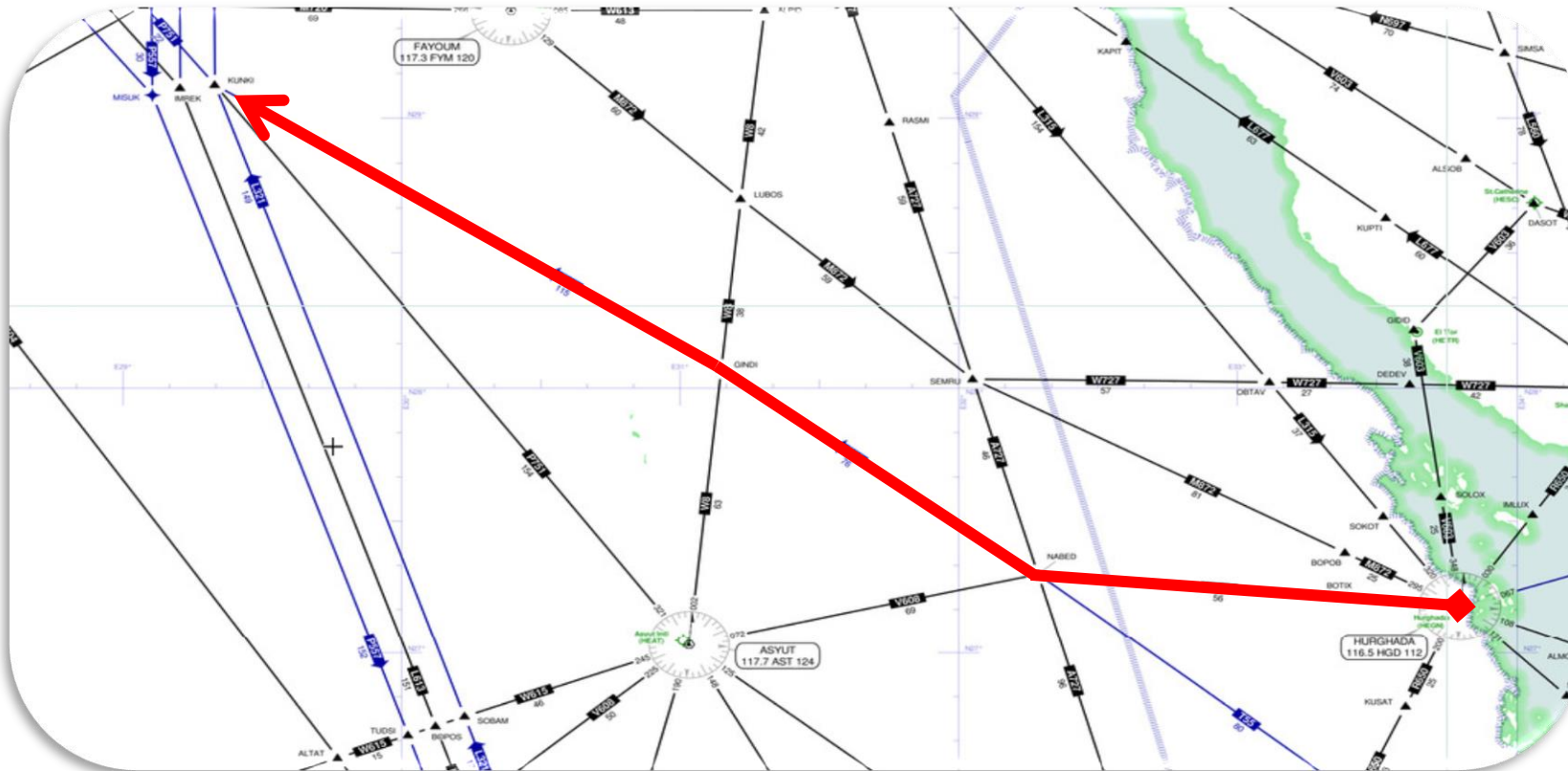


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❖ To enhance service for HEGN departures, a proposal is made to:

- ✈ Extend the operational hours of airway T55 to 24 hours.
- ✈ Lower the minimum flight level for T55 from FL330 to FL260.



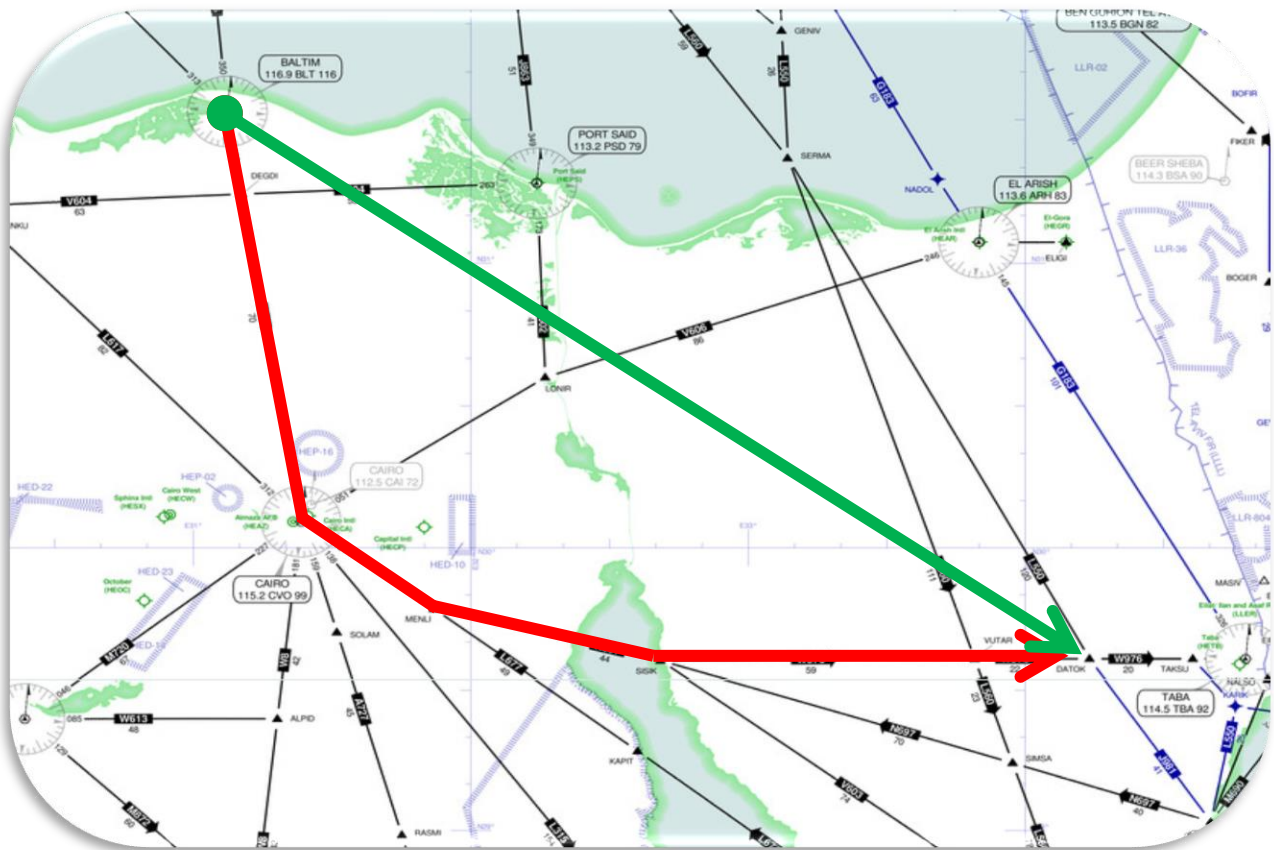
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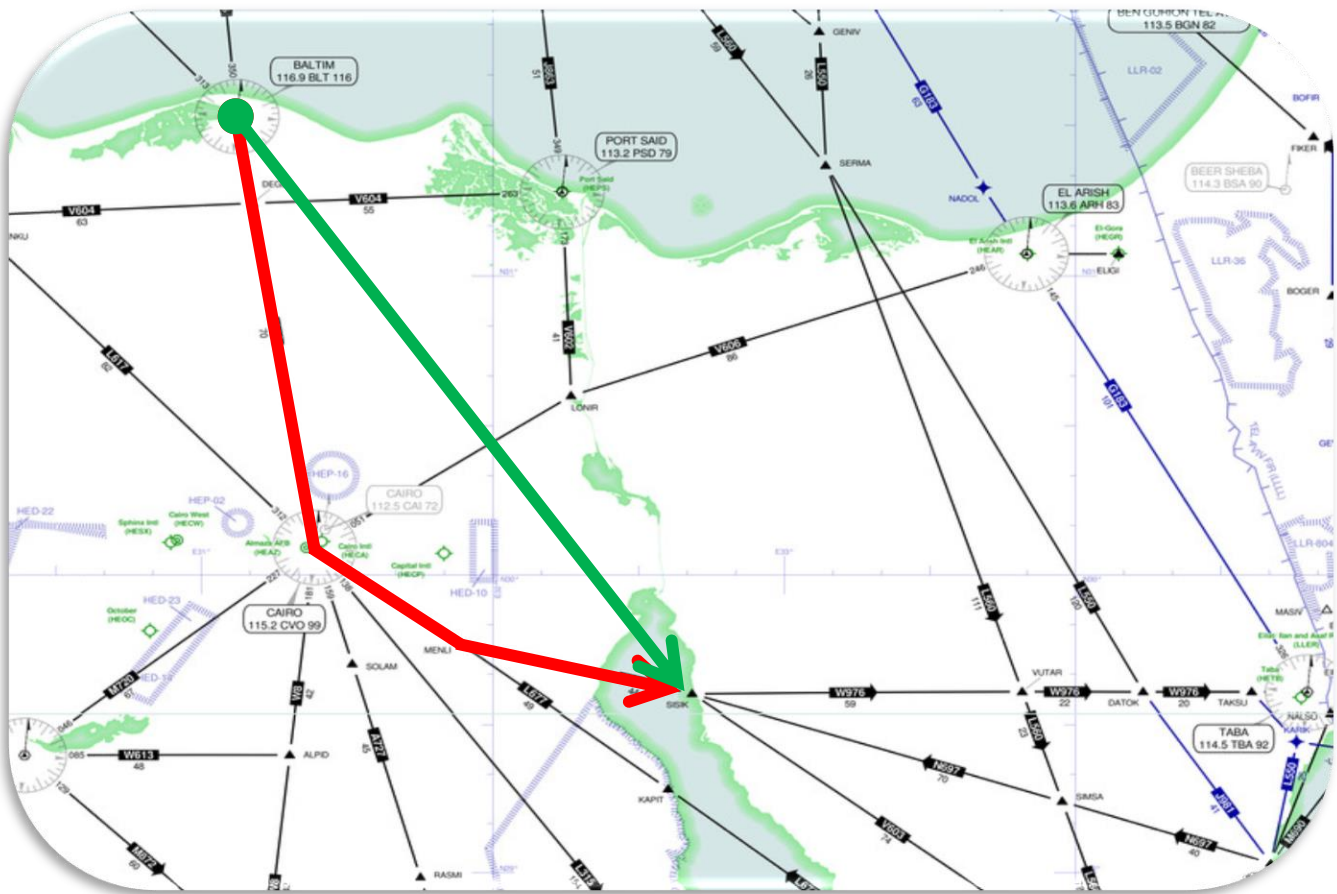
❖ A direct route between (BLT-DATOK) for inbound traffic from Nicosia FIR via RASDA to Amman FIR via ULINA.



Benefits and Expected Outcomes	
Distance Reduction	45.3 nm
Time Savings	Approx. 6 MINs
Fuel Efficiency	Approx. 241.8 kg
Emissions Reduction	Approx. 764.088 kg
Cost Savings per Flight (USD)	202.73 \$

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❖ A direct route between (BLT-SISIK) for inbound traffic from Athens and Nicosia landing HESH to avoids the congested portion of (BLT-CVO-MENLI).

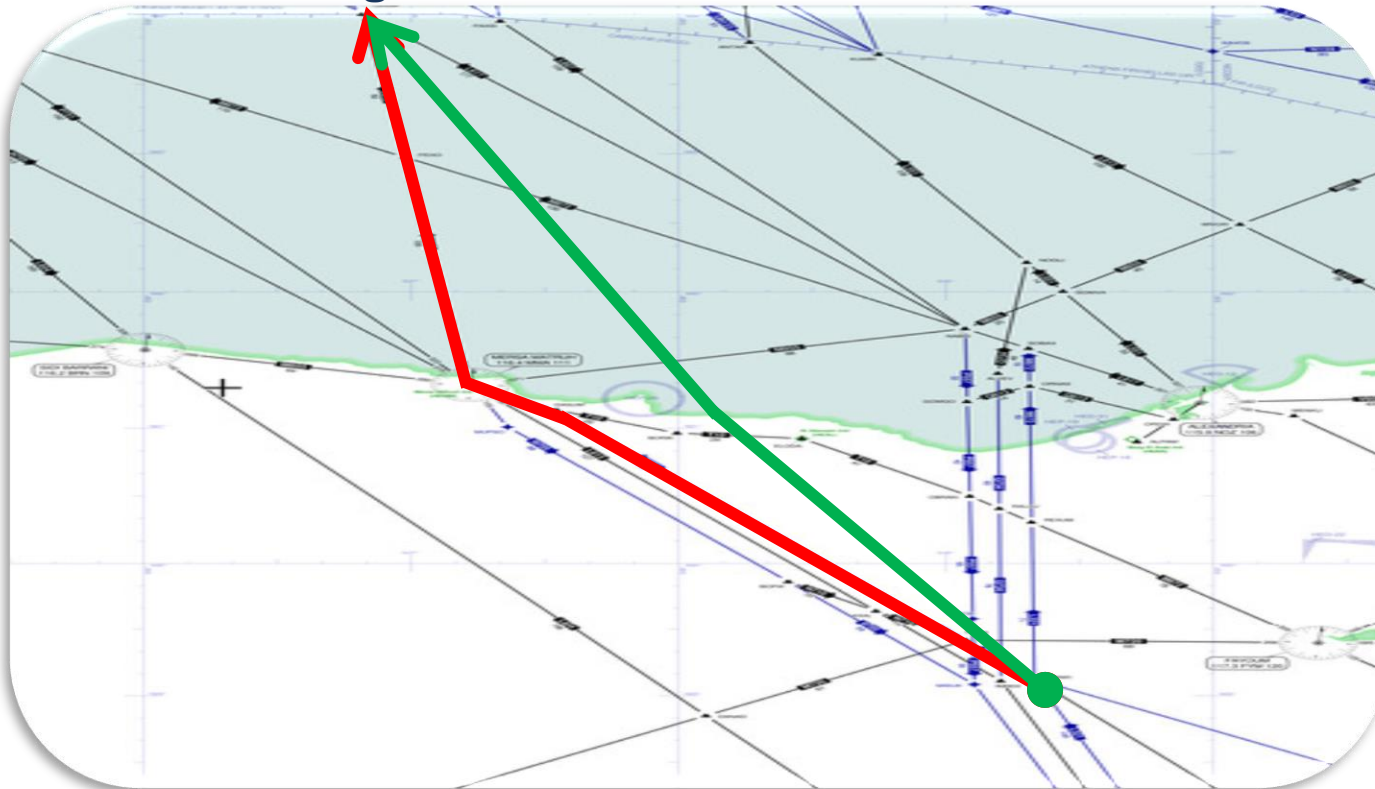


Benefits and Expected Outcomes	
Distance Reduction	21.3 nm
Time Savings	Approx. 3 MINs
Fuel Efficiency	Approx. 104.8 kg
Emissions Reduction	Approx. 331.168 kg
Cost Savings per Flight (USD)	87.87\$

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❖ A direct route between KUNKI and TANSA would generally result in:

- ✈ Reduced flight time
- ✈ Reduced rate of turn: Direct routes often involve fewer course changes, leading to smoother flight profiles and lower fuel consumption.
- ✈ Shorter flight distance.



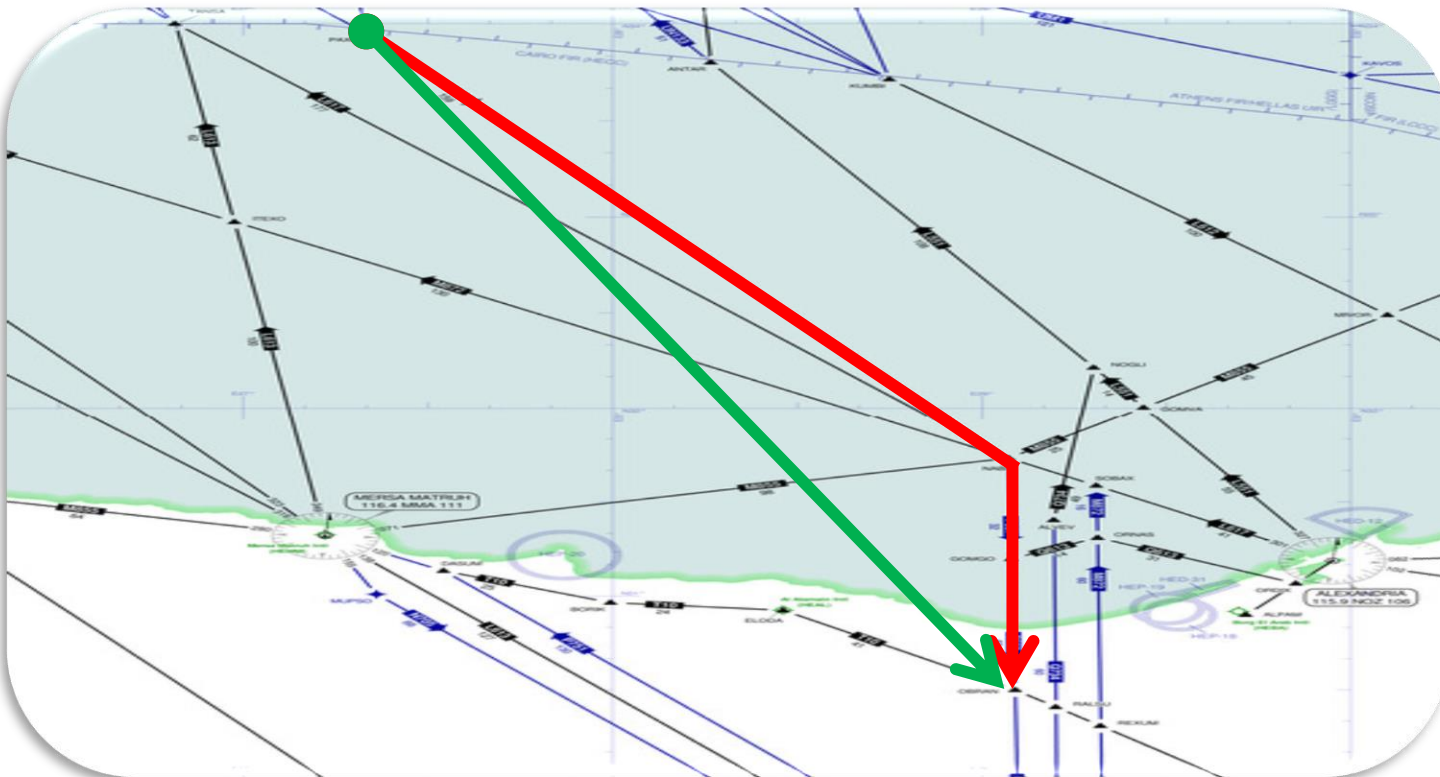
Benefits and Expected Outcomes

Distance Reduction	14.7 nm
Time Savings	Approx. 2 MINs
Fuel Efficiency	Approx. 74.8 kg
Emissions Reduction	Approx. 236.4 kg
Cost Savings per Flight (USD)	62.71\$

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❖ A direct route between (PAXIS-OB-RAN) would generally result in :

- ✈ Reduced flight time
- ✈ Reduced rate of turn : Direct routes often involve fewer course changes, leading to smoother flight profiles and lower fuel consumption.
- ✈ Shorter flight distance.



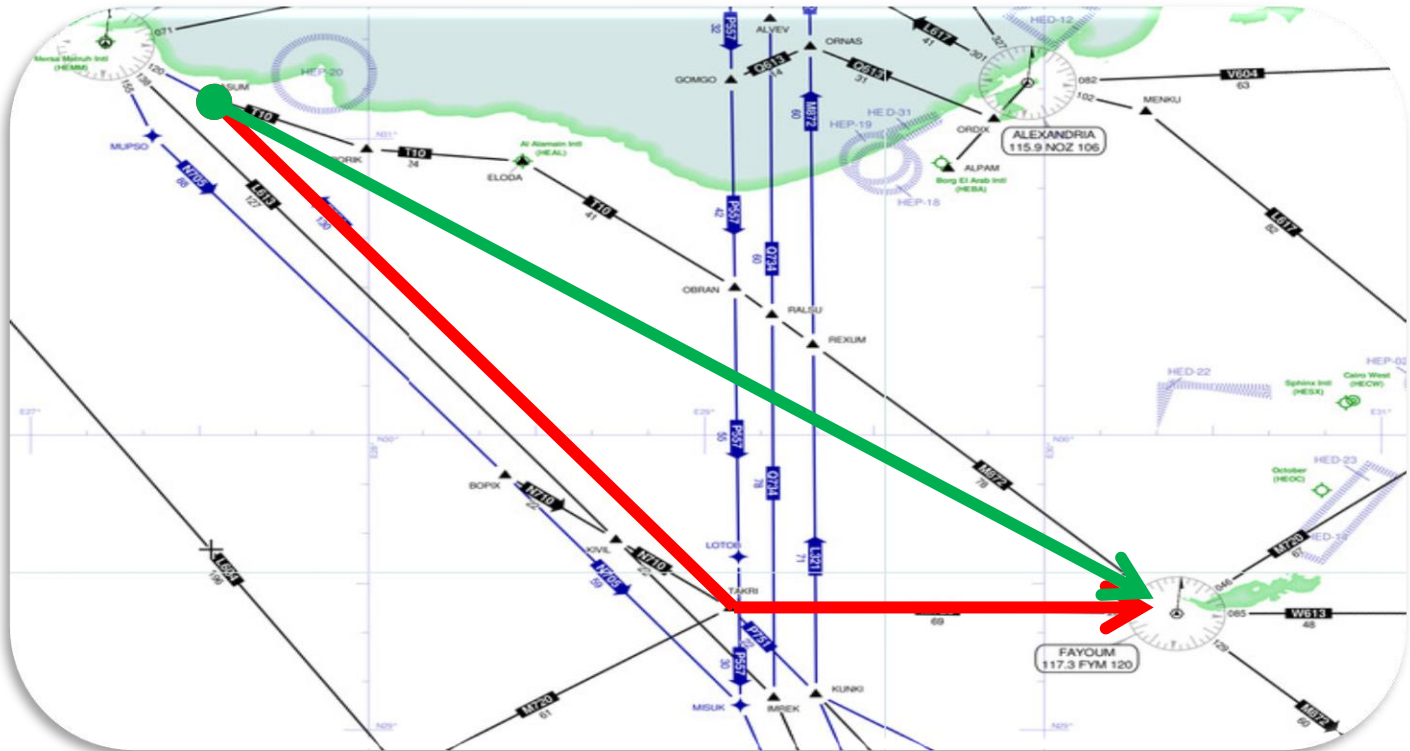
Benefits and Expected Outcomes

Distance Reduction	7.9 nm
Time Savings	Approx. 1 MINs
Fuel Efficiency	Approx. 40.8 kg
Emissions Reduction	Approx. 128.9 kg
Cost Savings per Flight (USD)	34.21\$

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❖ A direct route between (DASUM-FYM) would generally result in :

- ✈ Reduced flight time
- ✈ Reduced rate of turn : Direct routes often involve fewer course changes, leading to smoother flight profiles and lower fuel consumption.
- ✈ Shorter flight distance.

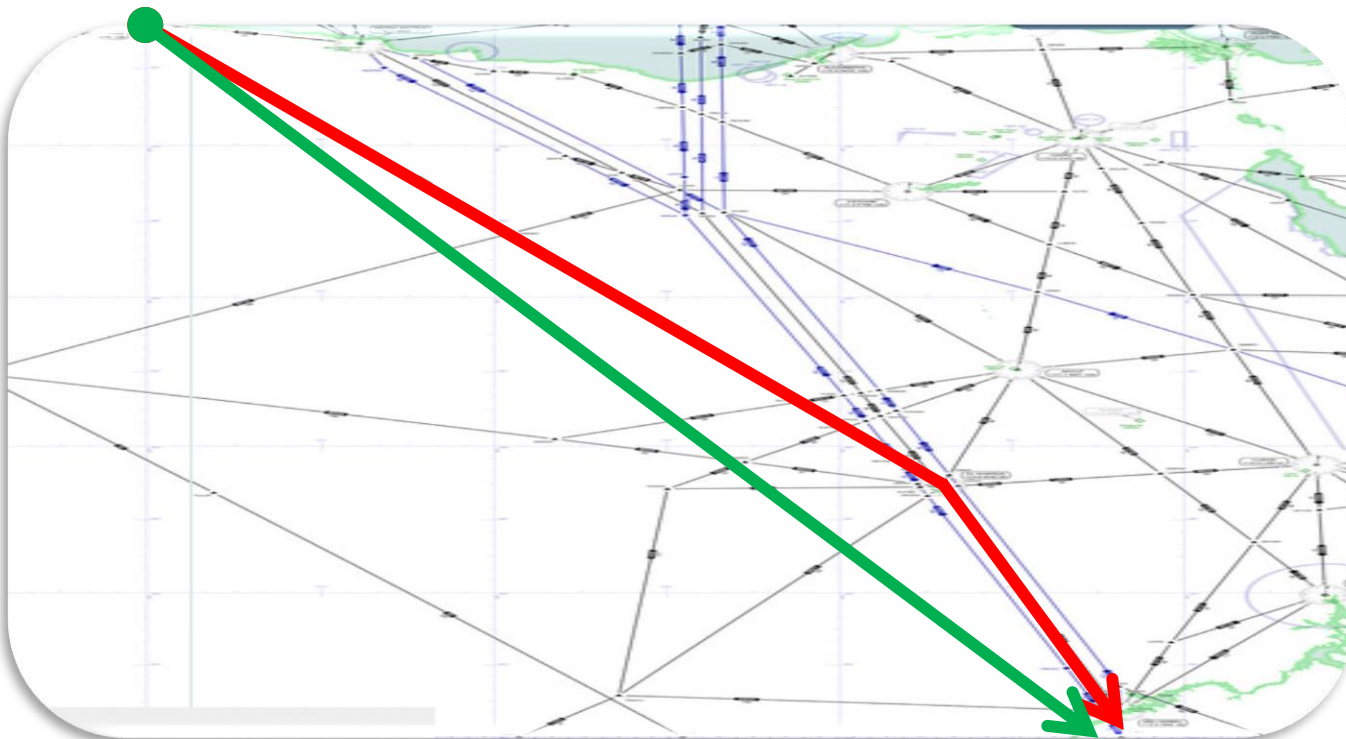


Benefits and Expected Outcomes	
Distance Reduction	19.5 nm
Time Savings	Approx. 3 MINs
Fuel Efficiency	Approx. 97.9 kg
Emissions Reduction	Approx. 309.4 kg
Cost Savings per Flight (USD)	82.08\$

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❖ A direct route between (BRN-NUBAR) would generally result in :

- ✈ Reduced flight time.
- ✈ Reduced rate of turn : Direct routes often involve fewer course changes, leading to smoother flight profiles and lower fuel consumption.
- ✈ Shorter flight distance.



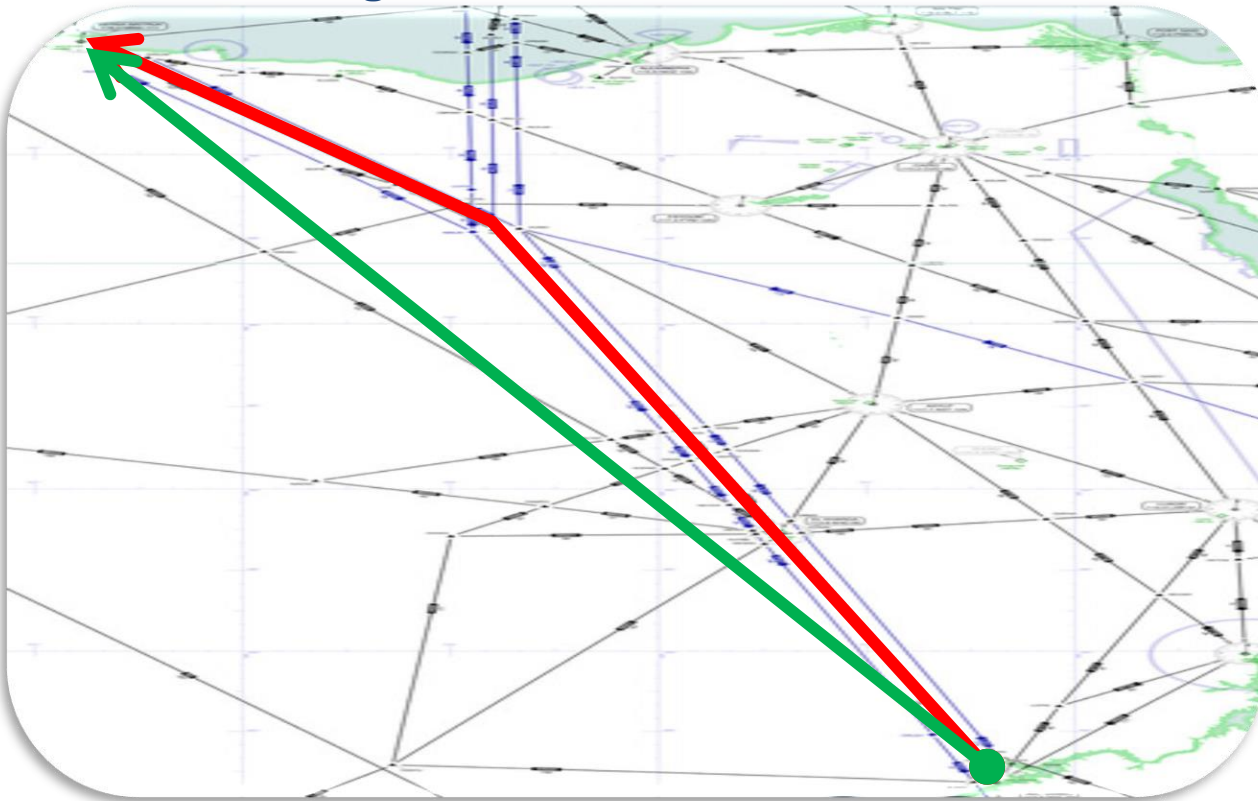
Benefits and Expected Outcomes

Distance Reduction	5.2 nm
Time Savings	Approx. 1 MINs
Fuel Efficiency	Approx. 27.2 kg
Emissions Reduction	Approx. 85.9 kg
Cost Savings per Flight (USD)	22.8\$

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❖ A direct route between (SML-MMA) would generally result in :

- ✈ Reduced flight time
- ✈ Reduced rate of turn : Direct routes often involve fewer course changes, leading to smoother flight profiles and lower fuel consumption.
- ✈ Shorter flight distance.



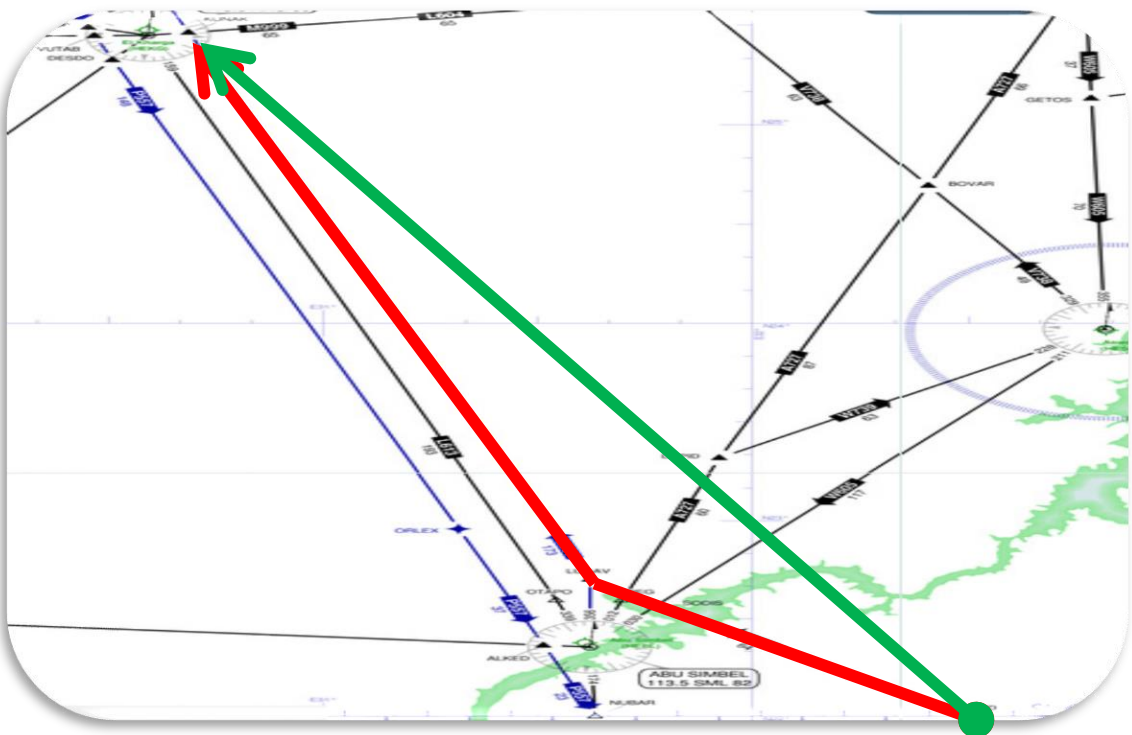
Benefits and Expected Outcomes

Distance Reduction	10.6 nm
Time Savings	Approx. 1 MINs
Fuel Efficiency	Approx. 55.8 kg
Emissions Reduction	Approx. 176.3 kg
Cost Savings per Flight (USD)	46.78\$

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❖ A direct route between (SISID-KUNAK) would generally result in :

- ✈ Reduced flight time.
- ✈ Reduced rate of turn : Direct routes often involve fewer course changes, leading to smoother flight profiles and lower fuel consumption.
- ✈ Shorter flight distance.

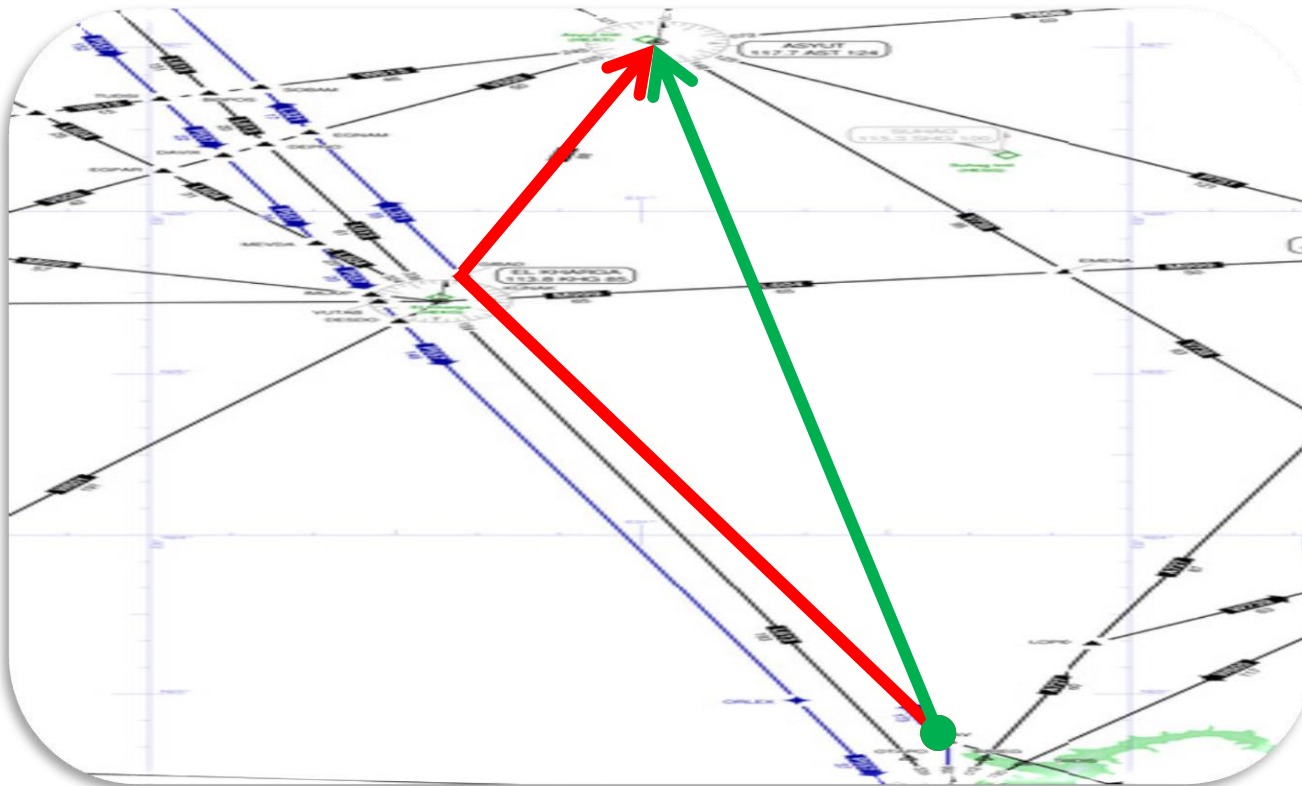


Benefits and Expected Outcomes	
Distance Reduction	7.3 nm
Time Savings	Approx. 1 MINs
Fuel Efficiency	Approx. 37.2 kg
Emissions Reduction	Approx. 117.6 kg
Cost Savings per Flight (USD)	31.19\$

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❖ A direct route between (LUGAV-AST) would generally result in :

- ✈ Reduced flight time
- ✈ Reduced rate of turn : Direct routes often involve fewer course changes, leading to smoother flight profiles and lower fuel consumption.
- ✈ Shorter flight distance.



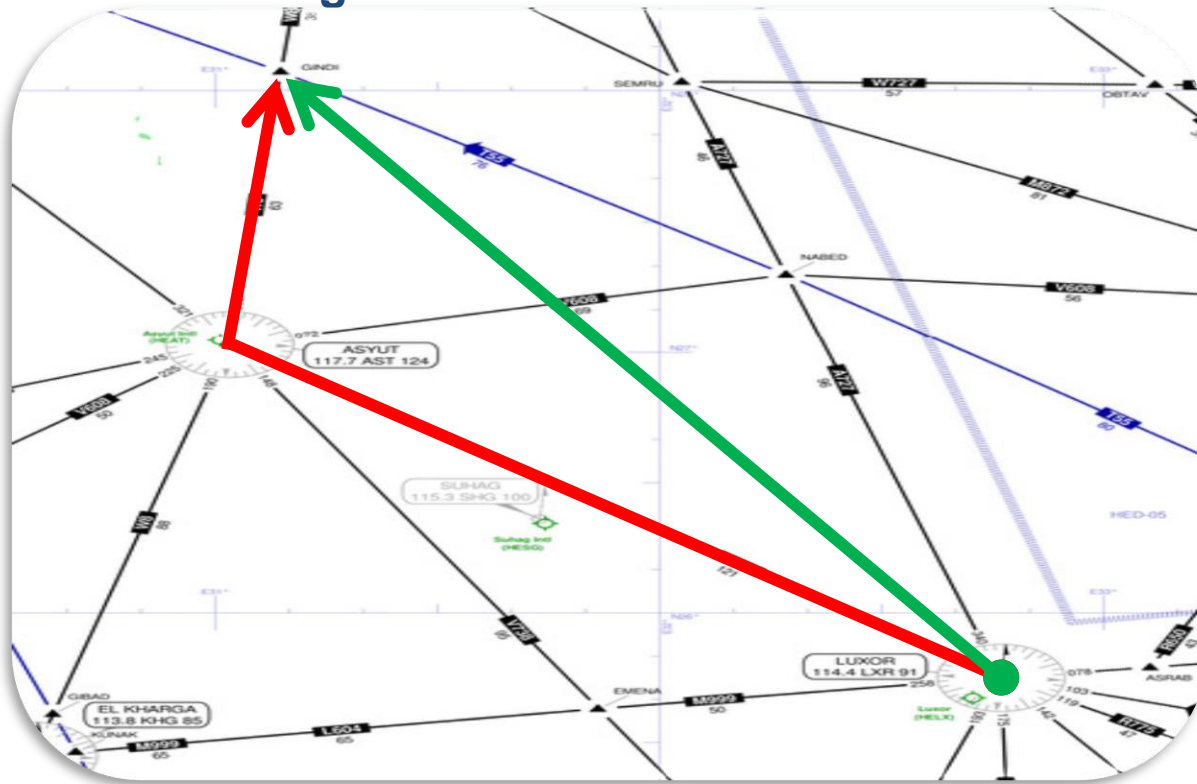
Benefits and Expected Outcomes

Distance Reduction	8.9 nm
Time Savings	Approx. 1 MINs
Fuel Efficiency	Approx. 46.2 kg
Emissions Reduction	Approx. 146.0 kg
Cost Savings per Flight (USD)	38.73\$

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❖ A direct route between (LXR-GINDI) would generally result in :

- ✈ Reduced flight time.
- ✈ Reduced rate of turn : Direct routes often involve fewer course changes, leading to smoother flight profiles and lower fuel consumption.
- ✈ Shorter flight distance.



Benefits and Expected Outcomes

Distance Reduction	19.6 nm
Time Savings	Approx. 3 MINs
Fuel Efficiency	Approx. 107 kg
Emissions Reduction	Approx. 338.1 kg
Cost Savings per Flight (USD)	89.71\$

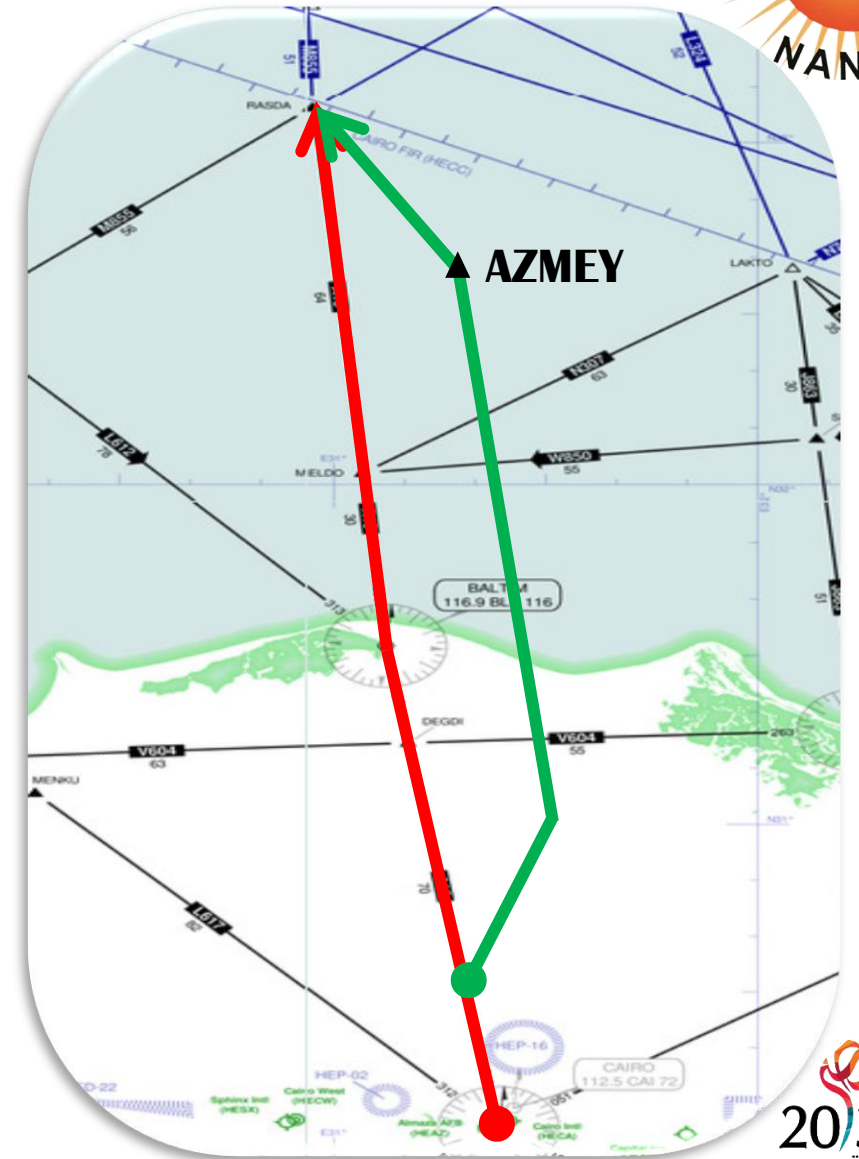
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❖ The dualization of A16 into two distinct routes, one for southbound and another for northbound traffic via waypoint AZMEY, offers several key advantages:

- ✈ **Increased Airspace Capacity:** By segregating traffic flow, the dualization effectively doubles the capacity of the A16 corridor. This allows for a greater number of aircraft to transit the airspace safely and efficiently.
- ✈ **Enhanced Safety:** Separating conflicting flight paths significantly reduces the risk of mid-air collisions and other safety incidents. This is particularly beneficial for traffic converging from or diverging towards the Nicosia FIR.
- ✈ **Reduced Controller Workload:** The separation of traffic flow simplifies air traffic management, reducing the complexity of airspace coordination and minimizing the cognitive burden on air traffic controllers.

❖ Overall, the dualization of A16 represents a significant improvement in airspace management, enhancing safety, efficiency, and capacity within sector 2.



The project Expected Outcomes



Route	Current Distance (NM)	Proposed Distance (NM)	Distance Saving (NM)	Fuel Consumption (Current) (kg)	Fuel Consumption (Proposed) (kg)	Fuel Savings (kg)	Fuel Savings (%)	Carbon Emission Savings (kg)	Cost Savings per Flight (USD)
DATOK-PSD-MELDO-NEWPOINT	435.5	347.2	88.3	2300	1833.1	466.9	20.3	1475.4	391.45
BLT-DATOK	243.3	198	45.3	1300	1058.2	241.8	18.6	764.1	202.73
BLT-SISIK	162.3	141	21.3	800	695.2	104.8	13.1	331.2	87.87
KUMBI-CVO	264.8	255.3	9.5	1400	1349.6	50.4	3.6	159.3	42.26
KUNKI-TANSA	333.8	319.1	14.7	1700	1625.2	74.8	4.4	236.4	62.71
MENKU-ANTAR	197.2	192.3	4.9	1000	975	25	2.5	79	20.96
PAXIS-OBAN	233.1	225.2	7.9	1200	1159.2	40.8	3.4	128.9	34.21
DASUM-FYM	220.3	200.8	19.5	1100	1002.1	97.9	8.9	309.4	82.08
SALUN-CVO-SILKA	757	726.5	30.5	3900	3744	156	4	493	130.79
BRN-NUBAR	652.6	647.4	5.2	3400	3372.8	27.2	0.8	86	22.8
SML-MMA	596.4	585.8	10.6	3100	3044.2	55.8	1.8	176.3	46.78
SISID-KUNAK	236.9	229.6	7.3	1200	1162.8	37.2	3.1	117.6	31.19
LUGAV-AST	269.9	261	8.9	1400	1353.8	46.2	3.3	146	38.73
LXR-GINDI	183.5	163.9	19.6	1000	893	107	10.7	338.1	89.71

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