

## Gate-to-gate CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

How efficient are we?

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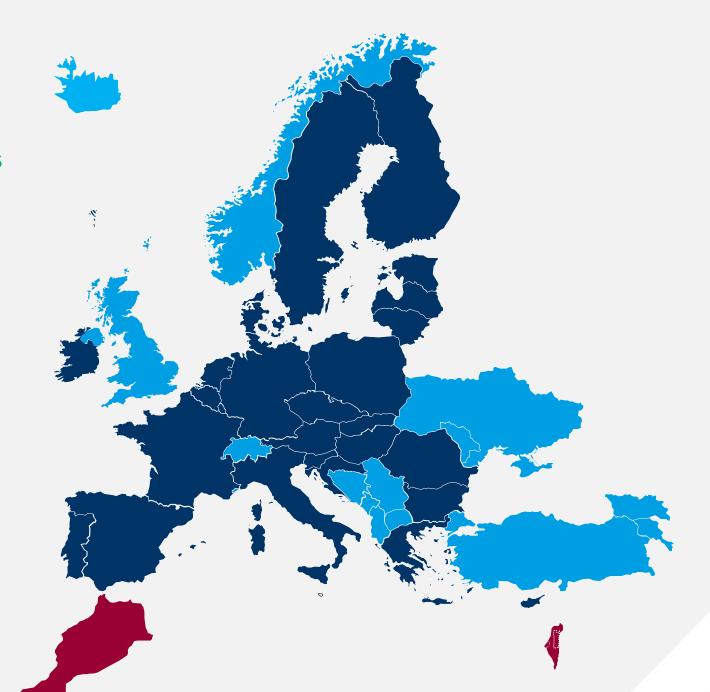
**42** Member States

& 2 Comprehensive Agreement States

**EUROCONTROL** and **EU** 

**EUROCONTROL** but not **EU** 

**Two Comprehensive Agreement States: Israel & Morocco** 





# **EUROCONTROL'S CENTRAL ROLE**FOR EUROPEAN AVIATION

Air Traffic Network

Manager for all of Europe

**Innovation** Hub

Maastricht Air Navigation Service provider

**ATC billing** service

**Civil-Military** coordination

Pan-European expert support including on data and sustainability

Aviation **Learning** Centre



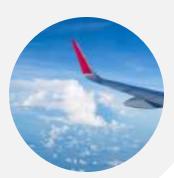














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## Background



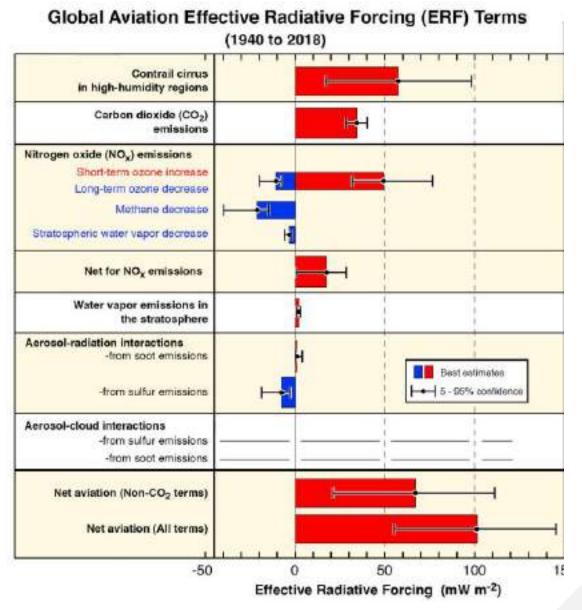
 Goal: analyse operational performance of flights to assess environmental impact



Focus: CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



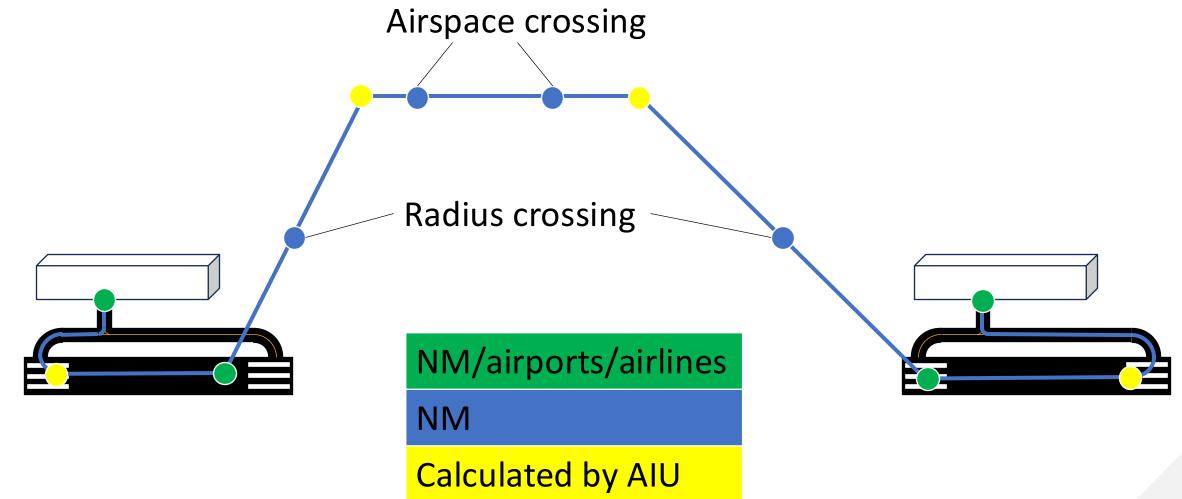
Gap: Gate-to-gate CO<sub>2</sub>
 emissions or fuel burn data
 from airlines not consistently
 available at European level







## Milestone approach







# Calculating the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

#### Input

- Ground timestamps
- Airborne trajectories
- Airspace crossings
- Radius crossings
- Top of Climb
- Top of Descent

### Pre-processing

- Merging of data sources
- Data cleaning

#### **AEM**

 Determination of fuel burn and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

### Postprocessing

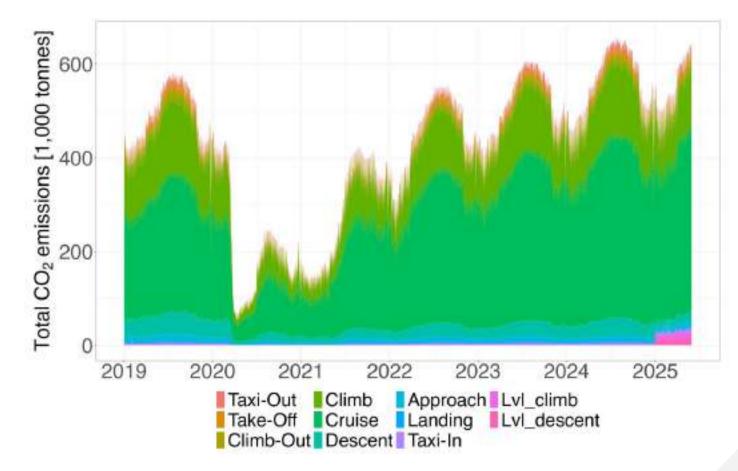
Results in milestone format





## Results

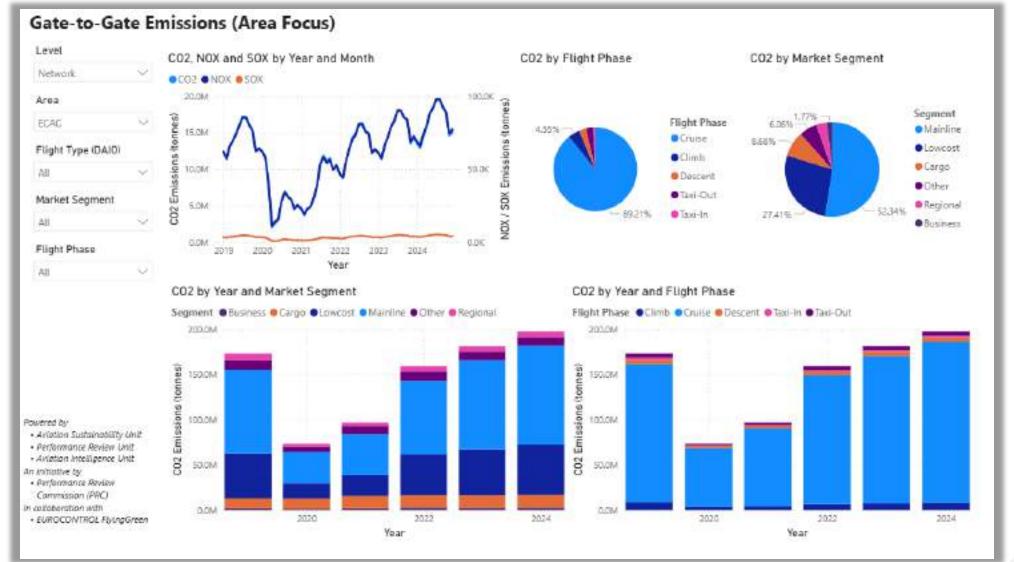
- Results available from 2019
- Breakdowns per
  - Flight phase
  - Airline
  - Aircraft type
  - Airport pair
  - FIR
  - AUA







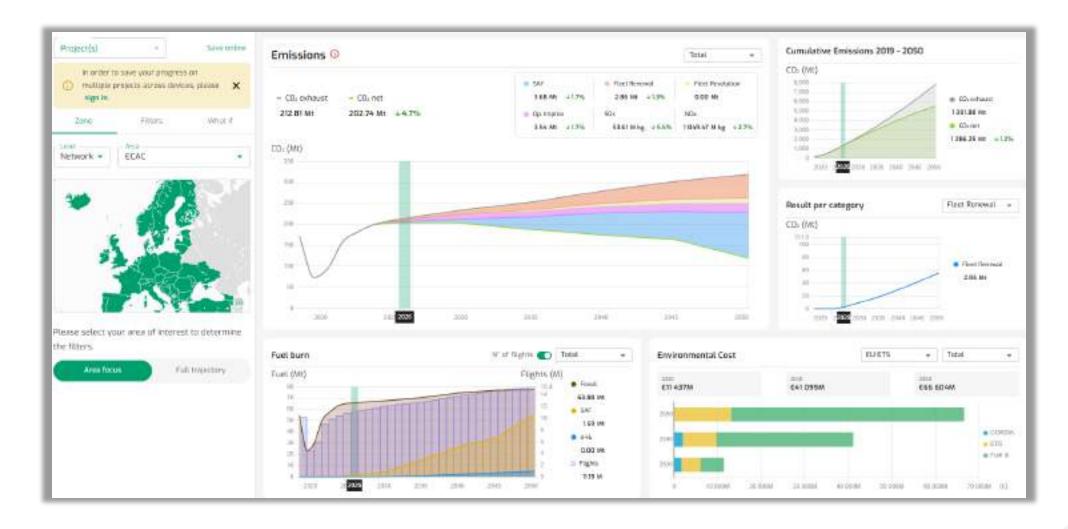
## CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions | Aviation Intelligence Portal







## FlyingGreen Platform

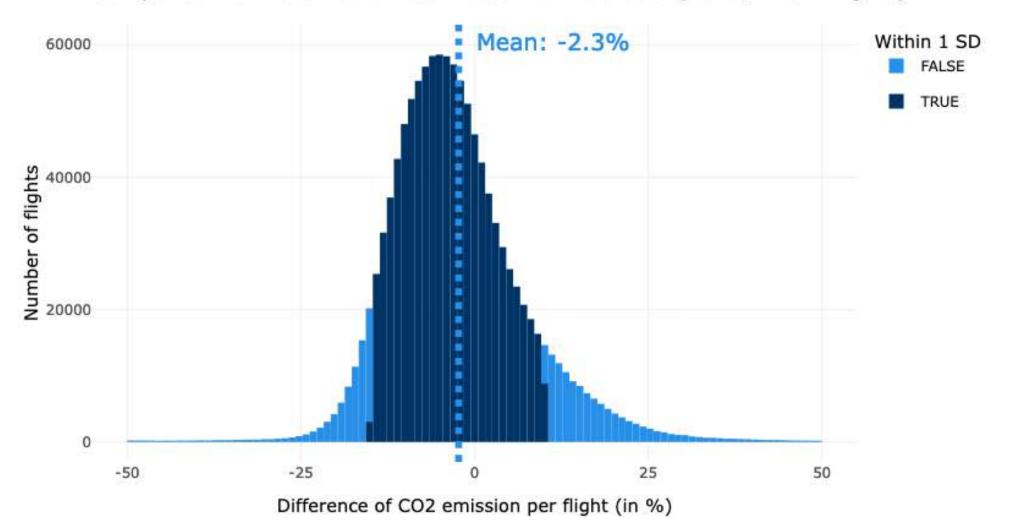






## **Cross-validation of results**

Comparison of AIU emission estimates with ASU data (2019, 1.19M flights)







## **EASA Data4Safety**

## Step 1

- FDM data (including fuel burn) for 5000 Vueling flights in 2023
- 5 airport pairs
- Gate-to-gate fuel burn by flight phase
- Ongoing

### Step 2

- More airport pairs
- More airlines
- More aircraft types
- Complete by end 2025



## Inefficiencies





## **Determination of inefficiencies**

- Requires CO<sub>2</sub> emissions for each type of reference trajectory
- Determination of impacting factors by measuring difference between CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of different reference trajectories
- We believe it's the first methodology based on a gate-to-gate trajectory





Actual trajectory

Flight plan trajectory

ATM fuel optimal trajectory

Realistic fuel optimal trajectory

Theoretical fuel optimal trajectory

Tactical ATC and crew interventions

Flight planning

ATM and Network constraints

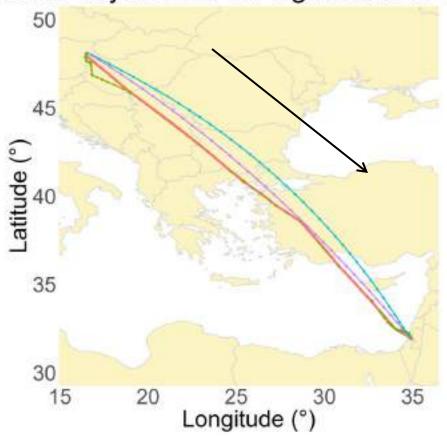
Weather phenomena

Airport pair Aircraft type Aircraft mass Take-off time Wind (Runway configurations)

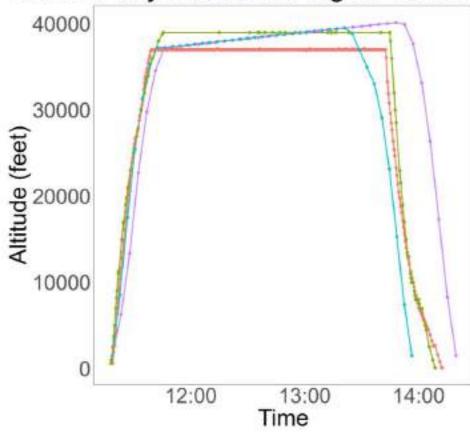




#### Lateral trajectories for flight LOWW-LLBG



#### Vertical trajectories for flight LOWW-LLBG

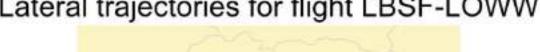


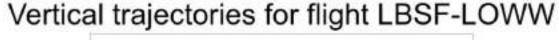
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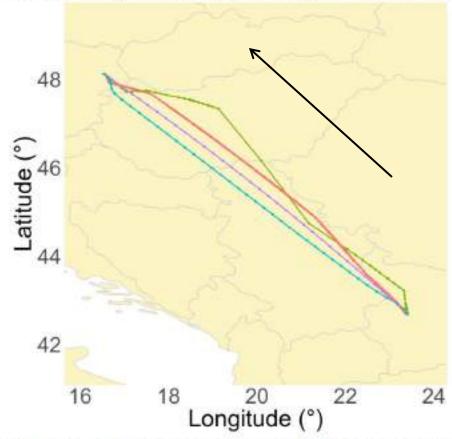


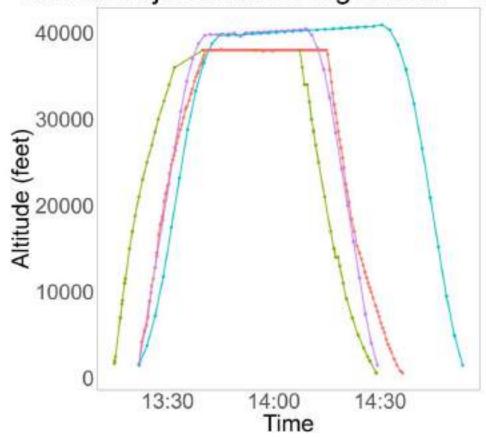


Lateral trajectories for flight LBSF-LOWW









- CPF - FTFM - Optimal with wind - Optimal without wind - CPF - FTFM - Optimal with wind - Optimal without wind





- Work with technical consultant TU Delft
- Integration of BADA4
- Adding constraints
  - Route network (waypoints and routes)
  - RAD constraints
  - ATFCM regulations
- Refinements with operational factors





# **Optimal Trajectory Task Force**

- AVENIR Working Group
- Airlines and CFSPs
- Supported by A4E
- Data sharing and validation











# Future work

- Use of actual weights
- En-route flight levels according to realistic flight levels
- Consider runway directions
- Extension beyond EUROCONTROL area
- Further alignment of environmental performance analyses and publications within EUROCONTROL





# Thank you!

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## **Coordination and collaborations**

- Aviation Intelligence Unit
  - CODA
  - STATFOR
- Aviation Sustainability Unit
  - AEM
  - FlyingGreen
- Innovation Division
  - BADA
- Aviation Planning Division
  - ATM Master Plan
- Airport Unit
  - LTO Emissions Estimator

- EASA
  - European Aviation Environmental Report
  - Data4Safety
- MUAC Sustainability and Exploration Units
- AVENIR Working Group

