Skyward Bound: Innovating the FUTURE OF AVIATION

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Latest research highlighting the socio-economic benefits of air connectivity

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Digitalization & efficiency

 Digitalization increases efficiency, and therefore is a powerful tool to reduce emissions.

- Three examples:
 - 1. Improvement in Air Traffic Management.
 - 2. Informed choice for passengers.
 - 3. Efficiencies: direct routes, inter-modality, load factor...



Air Traffic Management

- Improvement in ATM can generate significant reduction in emissions:
 - 9.3% less CO2 per flight if SES ATM Master Plan completed by 2050.
 - Shorter TAXI phase (-10% of total reductions), dynamic routes for CLIM and DESCENT (-25%), FRA & Trajectory-based Operational concept (digital exchange of data), (-65%).
 European Aviation Environmental Report
 - Cross-border Free Route Airspace (FRA) expected to reduce 94,000 tonnes per year in Borealis 9 MS by 2026.
 - https://borealis.aero/media/2-pager_march2023.pdf
 - Congestion, strikes, delays, etc. increase emissions.
- BUT, no effective environment KPI in SES, lack of ambition in SES2+, slow implementation of SES Master Plan...



Informed choices thanks to digitalization...

- Obligation on airlines to display emissions when acquiring flights...
 - EASA Environmental Labelling Scheme in 2025.
- Display in Global Distributions Systems (Amadeus, Sabre), potential obligation in MDMS.
 - Ranking of flights not only according to pricing but also to emissions in GDSs.



A new transport map for Europe

- Modal shift incentives, not prohibitions:
 - The Spanish vs. The French model in shift to rail.
- Digital platforms to promote full exploitation of multimodality:
 - Flight + rail: Increase catching areas for hubs.
 - Flight + rail for shorter/more direct flights (LC/REG + HSR). -66% emissions
 (https://www.sesarju.eu/sites/default/files/documents/sid/2023/Papers/SIDs_2023_paper_43%20final.pdf)
 - Requirements:
 - Interoperability at airports (rail station in airports in TEN-T).
 - Better coordination of services (schedules, interlining, trip continuation, passenger rights).
 - More info at the digital layer.



Thank you!

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