

UK/IRELAND FAB - Summary of key elements to address following observations made under article 4(2) of Regulation (EU) 176/2011

- The current exclusion of the Oceanic Shanwick FIR needs to be reconsidered.
- The FAB should evolve towards more than an exclusively or primarily airspace-oriented FAB.
- The legitimate added value of the FAB itself needs to be demonstrated, as opposed to only amalgamating the value of those of its constituent projects which may not have been FAB-specific.
- More visibility should be provided on the methodology, assumptions and details used to calculate costs and benefits.
- The FAB should demonstrate benefits on direct costs as well as indirect ones.
- More inter-FAB collaboration is needed, notably with FABEC.
- Technical system convergence beyond just functionality should be demonstrated.
- Some operational benefits need to be brought forward.
- There is a need to establish some human resources benefits which are currently described mainly in a conditional way.