

Extension of pilot-pilot communications through data links, operational in FIR Bucharest (Romanian airspace) from November 18

Starting with July 17, controller-pilot communications via data link became operational in FIR București above flight level FL285, being available for ATN (Aeronautical Telecommunications Network) equipped aircraft. The implementation of DLS services in the Romanian airspace, above the flight level FL285, ensured compliance with Regulation (EC) no. 29/2009 and Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/310. In addition to these requirements, starting with 18.11.2020, controller-pilot communications via data link have become available for FANS (Future Air Navigation Systems) equipped aircraft, being operational in FIR București above FL285 flight level. Thus, ground-to-air communications for the provision of air traffic control services will be made mainly through data link, voice communications being a complementary means. The CPDLC (Controller Pilot Datalink Communications) functionality is part of ROMATSA's state of the art air traffic management system.

Complete implementation by ROMATSA of data link services (DLS) represent a key improvement, assuring the decongestion of voice communication channels, increasing the safety level, the efficiency of air traffic control services, as well as the traffic capacity and communications in the upper airspace with high traffic density. Increasing the traffic capacity, allowed by the data link services, depends on the percentage of flights operating with data link capability.

Through this new implementation, ROMATSA is among the few DLS service providers in Europe that have implemented both standards, thus joining NATS (UK) and MUAC (EUROCONTROL).