Single European Sky: provision of air navigation services

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The Conciliation Committee reached agreement on the regulation on the provision of air navigation services in the Single European Sky. The main elements of the compromise were as follows: At Parliament's insistence, an article was introduced in the regulation referring to the need for a Commission proposal on the licensing of controllers with the aim of improving the availability of controllers and promoting the mutual recognition of licences. Provisions were also introduced to indicate that non-discriminatory access to services should be a pre-condition for certification of service providers and to underline safety obligations. Certificates will be monitored regularly and details of the monitoring of compliance with the common requirements for service providers and the conditions attached to the certificates will have to be be included in annual reports on the implementation of the Single Sky to be submitted to the Commission. Lastly, in addition to the general commitment to civil-military cooperation made in the context of the framework regulation, which applies to the whole Single Sky package, Parliament obtained further specific concessions with regard to data exchange between all air navigation service providers, airspace users and airports, be they civil or military.