



VATSIM Europe Region Report Q1/2016

Executive Summary

Quarter 1 was a very successful one for the region with a continuity of the trend in incensement of the new registrations. The Regional and Divisional Membership Departments continue their efforts to ensure that members are properly supported and trained without too long wait times leading to a possible loss of the fun factor the network provides.

Furthermore, for another year, European facilities have been in the very top of the Golden Mic contest, especially UK managed to achieve the top 3 positions in Tower, Berlin on Approach ensuring the first position and London on the second position for the CTR sectors.

Administrative Report

Summary of administrative report.

1.0 Staffing

Russia Division

United Kingdom Division

Simon Irvine replaced Kris Thomson as Division Director in December. Phillip Speer replaced Simon as ATC Training Director.

Following the change in Divisional Director at the start of this quarter, the new ATC Training Director and Assistant ATC Training Director are Phillip Speer and Harry Sugden respectively. We thank Andy Gaffney, Tyler Pittaway and James Brierley for their work at Heathrow, South East and Northern RTS managers. We welcome Philip Harris, John Batten to those positions.

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2.0 Technical

Russia Division

A new web page for VATRUS is available for testing. BETA.VATRUS.INFO. This resource will replace the old one in the nearest future.



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3.0 Membership

Russia Division

A lot of new members have become VATSIM members recently due to well developing virtual air companies and alliances. In order to attract more people to these VAs we check the possibility to delegate pilot training and rating delivery to the VAs affiliated with the division.

Promotion and good advertising of the ongoing events and fly-inns make more pilots to join the network and actively fly online. We advertise our activity through VAs and social networks such as Facebook, Twitter etc.

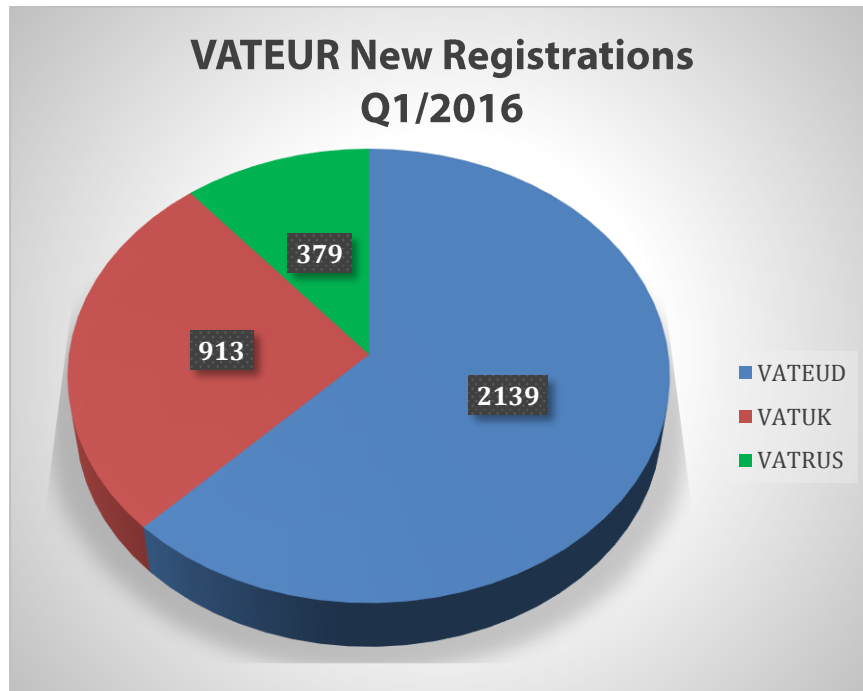
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We have begun to send out a structured set of correspondence to these members offering support. In addition, we aim to engage those members who are close to being marked as network inactive, again offering help, advice and a clear path of communication to avoid this where possible.

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4.0 [Conflict Resolution Trends](#)

5.0 [VA/SOA Matters](#)

6.0 [Additional Matters](#)



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Operational Report

Summary of operational report.

1.0 Pilot Training

Russia Division

We are currently preparing our program for P4 rating.

United Kingdom Division

This quarter we completed 41 P1 sessions, with 4/5 exam passes, 10 P2 sessions with 3/3 exam passes, and 4 P3 sessions. After focussing on increasing our mentoring team we have managed to conduct more sessions and increase the amount of training places available for our P2 and P3 courses.

Once again during Q2 we shall work on gaining more mentors.

We also released a few updates to our documentation and released the P1 mentoring guide. This includes a much improved checklist for the C172 designed by our FTI James Mack.

Our main target now is to complete our document overhaul and produce more mentors to train students for our courses for near to total stabilisation within this area.

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2.0 Air Traffic Control Training

Russia Division

ATC training is conducted in two VATRUS pilot centers, "Strigino" (UWGG) airport and "Rostov" (URRR) airport.

United Kingdom Division

Student progression is at the core of ATC training and we run both formal examinations for rating upgrades and endorsements for major airfields and special areas as permitted by the GRP. In Q1 of 2016 we have successfully promoted 25 controllers from OBS-S1 and run a total of 14 ATC exams (S1-C1), 13 of which were passes (93%) and only 1 unsuccessful. We have obtained 10 S1-S2 upgrades and 3

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S2-S3 upgrades during this time. We have also had 1 upgrade from C1-C3 during this time.

We have endorsed 8 controllers on Heathrow, 2 on Shanwick (EGGX), 9 controllers for military airfields and performed assessments on 7 controllers transferring into the division. There has been a slight drop in military endorsements, but this is to be expected as it was introduced last quarter.

Until March this year, we had an endorsement system for S1 rated controllers at London Gatwick. It had been observed that controlling levels had dropped over recent years and so this requirement has been removed and controlling levels have improved (from approximately 20 hours per week to approximately 52 hours per week).

The London TMA has recently undergone a large airspace change and introduced a point-merge system into London City and Biggin Hill aerodromes. A large number of members were involved from researching and updating documents, training controllers on the new techniques and updating/producing a new UK-wide sector file to bring this changes into play.

Many other documents including a various crib sheets, a new vMATs for Manchester and a resectorisation of Scottish airspace have taken place.

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3.0 Operational Projects

Russia Division

It has been decided with VATEUD to delegate the ATC within Georgia to VATRUS. We are waiting for the approval for creating and updating FSS within VATRUS.

4.0 Events & Meetings

Russia Division

[24th Jan 13-18 utc] Warsaw Express -
<http://forum.vatrus.info/viewtopic.php?f=6&t=400>
[31 JAN 11-15Z] NIIGATA - VLADIVOSTOK -
<http://forum.vatrus.info/viewtopic.php?f=6&t=407>
[21 FEB] - Winter online Tuesday in Russia -
<http://forum.vatrus.info/viewtopic.php?f=6&t=419>
[10.03.16] Tallinn - St. Petersburg Shuttle -
<http://forum.vatrus.info/viewtopic.php?f=6&t=422>



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United Kingdom Division

In this quarter, one of our main priorities was to create more domestic events. We achieved this by hosting a fly in event at Liverpool (EGGP) in February, as well as a fly in event at London City (EGLC) in March which both proved to be very popular.

During the previous quarter, we identified that we needed to have significantly closer aerodrome pairings for our future events to allow for more sectors to be made. We have accomplished this through our Heathrow (EGLL) to Amsterdam (EHAM) event which was held in late February.

Gatwick (EGKK) was selected as one of the departure airports for Cross the Pond Westbound 2016. The general feedback received on our social media platforms and forum site was positive, with many commenting on how well all of the controllers coped. We would like to thank again the organisers, pilots and controllers which helped make this year's Westbound event another great success, and we look forward to participating in the Eastbound event later on this year.

We are in the process of finalising our plans for the annual TAS show held at Manchester Airport (EGCC) in the summer, which allows VATSIM UK to showcase VATSIM to members of the public. We have also begun planning for our VATSIM UK Live event which allows members to socialise, control and fly together.

We are still continuing to develop a membership questionnaire to explore other potential event ideas, in addition to gathering feedback on all events from a pilot and ATC perspective.

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5.0 Additional Matters



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SIGNATURES & ENDORSEMENTS

By digitally signing below, the Region Staff Member authorizing this report hereby testifies to its truthfulness to the best of their knowledge and ability.

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