

## ICARUS Workshop Second Advisory Board Meeting

**Consortium Welcome** 

**ICARUS** Team

ICARUS Second Advisory Board Meeting – June 22, 2021





## Workshop Agenda

### Chairman Peter Hullah



ICARUS Agenda	Speaker	Time	Schedule
Welcome and Project Introduction	Cristina Terpessi - e-GEOS	10'	10:00 - 10:10
ICARUS Problems & Concept Definition	Alberto Mennella — Topview Pawel Korzec - Droneradar	30'	10:10 - 10:40
Q & A Session	All	10'	10:40 - 10:50
<ul> <li>ICARUS Design &amp; Architecture</li> <li>GNSS</li> <li>Conversion Algorithm</li> <li>Alerting System</li> <li>GI Data</li> </ul>	Corrado Orsini — Telespazio Lorenzo Rossi -PoLIMI Pawel Korzec - Droneradar Gabriele Murchio — e-GEOS	30'	10:50 - 11:20
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Coffee Break		15'	11:30 - 11:45
ICARUS Preliminary Prototype	Pawel Korzec - Droneradar	10'	11:45 – 11:55
ICARUS Services in ISO Standards	Filippo Tomasello - EuroUSC	10'	11:55 – 12:05
Results of Poll	Manuel Onate- EuroUSC	10'	12:05 - 12:15
Validation Activities	Alberto Mennella – Topview	5′	12:15 – 12:20
Open Discussion	All	20'	12:20 - 12:40
ICARUS Roadmap & Closing Meeting	Cristina Terpessi - e-GEOS	5′	12:40 - 12:45

## We want your feedback



- If you have a question, please use the chat box at any time during the presentation. There will be a Q&A section and a Final Open Discussion to manage your requests.
- During the Q&A and the Open Discussion sections, the chairman will unmute your microphones, so that you can formulate your question to the speakers, please click on the hand icon to raise your hand.
- Also, remember that **the workshop will be recorded** and will be available at the private section of our website
- Please remember to send us your **Informed Consent form**, if you have not yet sent it

## **ICARUS Project Introduction**

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## **ICARUS Key Information**



## INTEGRATED COMMON ALTITUDE REFERENCE SYSTEM FOR U-SPACE

SESAR 2020 "Exploratory Research" Call H2020-SESAR-2019-2 (ER4)

ICARUS project proposes an **innovative** and feasible **solution** to address the novel challenge of the **Common Altitude Reference** inside **VLL airspaces** with the definition of a **new Uspace** prototype **service** and its validation in a real operational environment.

- Project Start Date: May 1, 2020
- Project End Date: July 31, 2022

## ICARUS Consortium and Expertise



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## **ICARUS Methodological Approach**





## Logical sequence for methodology implementation carried on through the WP phasing

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## **ICARUS Problem & Concept Definition**

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## Why ICARUS ?

## "If something works, why break it?"

Barometric altimetry has been the preferred way to ensure vertical separation for almost 100 years in manned aviation, and it works!



Why ICARUS ? The short answer is:

*If something has been working for almost 100 years, maybe it is time to revisit it!* 



## Why ICARUS ?

- Drone traffic vertical separation requires more precise height measurements
- Barometric measurements are not reliable at VLL, especially over cities
- ICARUS work will enhance vertical separation and enable high density operations

## What is ICARUS ?



### ICARUS is a <u>U3 U-space</u> service, providing:

### UAS-UAS: Common altitude reference at VLL

Performance based navigation approach Sources: DFMC GNSS receivers and UAS barometers Technical requirements and error budgets

### UAS-Ground: Obstacle awareness at VLL

Sources: DTM/DSM/DEM models Error budget for terrain models and WGS-84 datum

### UAS-Manned: Common altitude flight reference

WGS-84 vs QNH dynamic offset calculation (translation service) Communication mechanisms and avionics integration Altitude translation service

## **UAS-UAS: Common reference at VLL**





### **Objective #1**

Define the technical requirements for high accuracy GNSS-based altitude measurement for drones, allowing a reliable and accurate common vertical reference (UAS-UAS)

## **UAS-Ground: Obstacle awareness**





### **Objective #2**

Investigate the vertical accuracy and resolutions achievable by the actual DTM/DSM services for ground obstacle and terrain profile, with respect to the geodetic WGS-84 datum

## **UAS-Manned: Common reference**





### **Objective #3**

Design a tailored U-space service for altitude translation between geometric to barometric altitude for UAS and manned aircrafts

## **ICARUS** as a U3 service





ICARUS will interact with different existing and planned U-space services and introduces a new U3 service

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**Methodology** 



Architecture

design and

preliminary CONOPS

validation in

relevant

simulation and

operational

environments

Definition

Identify user needs

and requirements

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**ICARUS** concept

consolidation and

recommendations

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## **Five relevant use cases**



	Industrial ski-lift inspection	Spare parts delivery to offshore platform	Industrial power line inspection	Bio sample delivery	Airport-vertiport passenger transport
Scenario	Mountains / Rural	Above the sea	Rural / Suburban	Urban / Suburban	Airport /Rural / Suburban / Urban
Population density	None to low	None to low	Low	Medium to high	Medium to high
Conflicting traffic	None	Ultralight and GA in neigh, airspace	UAS / Helicopter / Other leisure GA	Other UAS / HEMS	Commercial flights / Other UAS
Airspace	X only Adjacent: G	Y only Adjacent: G	Y only Adjacent: G	Zu only (CTR) Adjacent: G	ATZ (Za), CTR, Zu Adjacent: G
Altitude data	WGS-84 Home points	UAS : WCS-84 Ultralight: WGS-84 GA: QNH	UAS: WGS-84 Ultralight: WGS-84 GA: QNH	UAS: WGS-84 HEMS: QNH / ADS-B	Taxi UAS: QFE (or QNH) in ATZ, WGS- 84 inside GAMZ



### https://youtu.be/i5nj4XtZXGU





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## **ICARUS** Design and Architecture

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## **ICARUS System**





WGS-84 ellipsoid datum as **standard reference system** used to provide a **common reference zero altitude to all drones & G.A. aircrafts** 

ICARUS Provide:

- Sub metric accuracy
- Vertical distance from terrain & ground obstacles
- Strategic and tactical deconfliction from ground obstacle
- Conversion from barometric to geometric altitude and viceversa for G.A. pilots

## **ICARUS** Design and Architecture



### **High level ICARUS System Architecture**

Service distributed to the end-users (manned and unmanned pilots) as an add-on to the pre-existing U-Space platforms (web application - EFB for manned)



## **ICARUS** Design and Architecture



### **Detailed ICARUS System Architecture**





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## **ICARUS** Design and Architecture: GNSS



The GNSS subsystem provides a reliable and certified means to compute the **position** of registered UASs in **real-time**: it is a **key enabler for all the ICARUS services**.



Through the processing of **raw GNSS observables** from drones, and **support messages** and **data from external entities**, it **provides** the **PVT solution** for each monitored UAS, together with its **integrity parameters** and a **validation mechanism** based on the use of data coming from a network of **trusted reference stations**.

## **GNSS Services**



### 2) GPS + Galileo + ARAIM

- dual-frequency, dual-constellation computation
- Galileo satellites: improve availability
- Integrity provisioning
- External computation: applicable also to low cost receiver

No external augmentation systems need to assess performance in an urban environment

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### **Computing algorithms**

- 1) GPS + EGNOS
- EGNOS-based accuracy enhancement through external augmentation
- Integrity provisioning
- External computation: applicable also to low cost receiver
  - No Galileo Constellation: limited availability

### GNSS services subsystem functionalities

Reference Station Interface: it allows the reception of raw GNSS data from the Reference Station Network (IGS, EUREF, ASI), necessary to the GNSS Signal Monitoring

EDAS Interface: it allows the reception of EGNOS messages and raw GNSS data of RIMS stations from the EDAS server, necessary to the integrity parameters computation and the **GNSS Signal Monitoring** 

UAS Interface: it allows the reception of raw GNSS data from the tracked UAS, necessary to compute its position and to calculate the integrity of the position solution

USSP Interface: it allows the communication between the TCU (Telespazio Computing Unit) and the USSP, necessary to share the UAS computed position, the integrity parameters and GNSS monitoring status

Telespazio Computing Unit: it performs the calculus of the desired parameters

GNSS Signal Monitoring: computation of GNSS parameters in a set of reference station(s) in the nearby of the UAS to evaluate the SIS performances

Position and integrity: computation of the UAS position and integrity parameters according to the selected algorithm and options

Control Logic: selection of the reference stations, raising of alerts, etc.

Management: it allows access to the subsystem and its configuration and maintenance

ICARUS Internal Interface: it allows the communication between the GNSS service subsystem and the other ICARUS services, necessary to share the UAS computed solution and its integrity parameters with the GI subsystem, the Conversion Service subsystem, and the Vertical Separation Service subsystem

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## **GNSS Services Functionalities**





Pretactical and tactical analysis of GNSS Signal Degradation

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### Ellipsoidal height

Purely geometric quantity Directly observed by GNSS

### Orthometric/Normal height

Physical quantity related to the gravity field It can be related to the ellipsoidal height through a geoid model It represents the so-called height above the mean sea level (AMSL)

### Barometric height

Physical quantity related to the atmospheric pressure field Subjected to local and temporal variation of the atmospheric pressure

### Height above the terrain / surface

It can be easily related to ellipsoidal or orthometric height through a DTM or DSM model





### **Geoid models**

### **Global gravity models**

Accuracy better than **0.3 m** Given in terms of spherical harmonic coefficients

### **Continental models**

Accuracy better than **0.1 m** Given on a regular grids (interpolation is required)

### National / local models

Accuracy better than **0.05 m** Given on a regular grids (interpolation is required)





When using a geoid model, consistency has to be maintained in all the steps of the conversion process (e.g. when converting the DTM or determining the "O level" of barometric height).

### If coherency is lost systematic errors up to 2 m could be introduced.



### **Barometric height**

Knowing the pressure  $P_0$  at a reference altitude  $H_0$ , the height  $H_P$  of a point A can be estimated by observing its pressure  $P_A$ 

$$H_{\rm A} = \frac{T_0}{L} \left[ \left( \frac{P_{\rm A}}{P_0} \right)^{-\frac{LR}{\bar{g}}} - 1 \right] + H_0 = f(P_{\rm A}, P_0)$$

where

 $T_0$  is the temperature at the reference height (usually approximated by a standard model)

L is the vertical temperature gradient (-6.5 K / km)

R is the specific gas constant (287.05287 J / Kg K)

 $ar{g}$  is the mean gravity acceleration between the reference (0) and the observation (A) points

### Common reference pressures $P_0$ in manned aviation

QNEconstant pressure set to 1013.25 hPa (with unknown reference height  $H_0$ ) $\overline{\mathbf{QNH}}$ average pressure at the mean sea level over the considered region

## ICARUS Design and Architecture: Conversion Algorithm Barometric height conversion





To correctly determine the orthometric height, one of the circled quantity **should be known in space and time**, e.g. from an external weather service or from a set of ground weather stations.

> Alternatively, they can be inferred from vehicles equipped with both a GNSS and a barometric sensor (but the quality of those sensors has to be checked and validated)



**Barometric height conversion:** Example for altitude over the average  $\overline{\text{QNH}}$ 



If no external information is available, the quality of the conversion will be affected by a systematic error of the order of **10 m for 1 hPa difference** between the **average and the actual QNH**.

An analogous conversion can be implemented for the altitude over QNE.
# ICARUS Design and Architecture: Alerting

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Droneradar





# Alerting



- Manned vs UAS (selected justifications)
  - As it is obvious at present stage of technology the best way of avoiding possible collision with commercial traffic is segregation.
  - This analysis shows that there is no need to introduce new TCAS/ ACAS II symbol since there is no benefit out of such action.
  - The only valid and operationally proven airborne collision avoidance system at present stage is TCAS 7.2 but it designed operation limitation at low altitudes where statistically there is the most dense UAS activity. In order to use the benefit of ACAS UAS traffic shall be segregated at these altitudes in vicinity of known trajectories of manned aviation (STAR, SID, APP PROC, VFR ARR/DEP RTEs, ATZ, CTR etc. ) to avoid nuisance messages.
- UAS vs UAS
  - Require Detect and Avoid algorithms which are not available
  - ICARUS may in future provide support for vertical deconfliction
- UAS vs Terrain, Surface and or Obstacle
  - Ground Proximity alerts scenario will be tested
    - VAL (Vertical Alert Limit) the alarm will be triggered when the volume of the virtual VAL Cylinder reach the surface or obstacle



# ICARUS Design and Architecture: GI Data

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# ICARUS Design and Architecture: GI Data



### 1. Urban areas

An Urban model is needed, including all obstacle data that describes all buildings, infrastructure, objects and vegetation constituting the urban environment (enhanced eTOD)

### 2. Extra-urban areas

morphology of the 3D terrain, vegetation and possible man-made objects

# **UAS.OPEN.010 General provisions**





When flying an unmanned aircraft within a horizontal distance of 50 metres from an artificial obstacle taller than 105 metres, the maximum height of the UAS operation may be increased up to 15 metres above the height of the obstacle at the request of the entity responsible for the obstacle.

(ANNEX TO IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2019/947 — UAS OPERATIONS IN THE 'OPEN' AND 'SPECIFIC' CATEGORIES)



#### **ICARUS Service**

	GI Services									
ſ	GeoAPI: provides the functions to interact with all the GI data to all the ICARUS components both for visualization and processing		GAMZ Map Manager: manages all the Geometric Altitude Mandatory Zon informaton and provision							
Ī	EO Data Interface	İ٢	EO Data Processing							
	DEMs Interface: it allowes the retrieval of DTM/DSM data both from open and commercial sevices		GIS Computing Unit DSM/DTM: manages all the data related to Digital Elevation Models to import them and provide the other services with the right data							
	Orthophoto Interface: it allowes the retrieval of orthophoto both from open and commercial sevices		3D G.O. Computing: manages data coming from EO data provider and produce the Ground Obstacle information							
1	Obstacles Interface: it allowes the retrieval of									
	obstacles data both from open and commercial sevices		Scheduler: allows to schedule the execution of data transfer operations based or configurable criteria.							



### 1. Urban areas

Enhanced eTOD:eTOD+DVOF+NOTAM (V)Accuracy: 1-2 metres (Obstacle) (V)Accuracy : <3m (Terrain)

### 2. Extra-urban areas

DSM 5m post spacing (LE90= 3m)

#### ICARUS USE CASE:

GAF EuroMaps available trough DAP Copernicus or TPM ESA programme



# Advanced 3D GI services : future prospect and UTM functionality enabled

- New concept of eTOD database for UAS
- Enached eTOD update (define AIRAC cycle for mobile and fixed obstacle)
- Applied 3D geocontent services :
  - Mission management in impervious area and for specialized drone operator services (Corridor, power lines, bridge inspection)
  - Close range sensing survey coverage
  - Augmented reality in FPV BVLOS mission
  - Georeferenced Hot spot capture in AR environment

# **ICARUS Real Time Survey**

Francesco Russo TopView s.r.l.





# **Real time survey**



We are going to start a real time survey with all the participants in this Advisory Board.

1. Take part in the survey using the link in ZOOM chat



- Security Participants Chat Share Screen Record Reactions
- 2. 5 minutes to fill the form
- 3. Overview of the results after the "ICARUS Services in ISO Standards" section



Please note: for all topics not covered in this questionnaire you can ask in the open discussion in the end.

# **Real time survey**



Thank you!



You have 5 minutes to fill in the form

Responses

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## **COFFEE BREAK**

11.30 - 11:45





# **ICARUS Preliminary Prototype**

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DroneRadar.





## **ICARUS Preliminary Prototype**





USSP – U-Space Services provider\* must provide 4 basic services:

NIC, Geo-awereness, Authorisation, TIS

ICARUS- allows USPPs to provide additional U-space services

# WP4: Performed tasks and deliverables



- Preparation and administration of the Software development environment and team collaboration tools
- Preparation, installation and configuration of the ICARUS service foundation
  - RabbitMQ, environment
  - Real time database
- Preparation and initial configuration of data sources for VCS\* Converter Reference Systems (see table on next slide)

\* VCS - Vertical Conversion System

# **Vertical Information DECORATION**



### **One-to-many – one input generate all outputs**



## **Data source – VCS Converter Reference**

## **Systems**



Interface ID	Source	Specs
VCS.TELEMETRY.01	Multiple sources: 1.individual from each USS 2.aggregated from USSP, SUSSP	See GitLab
VCS.QNH.01	QNH (Mockup)	QNH basic regions Local QNH (CTR) Contingency QNH Regions QNH change notification QNH Contingency notification Local pressure stations timestamp
VCS.GNSSSLA.01	Multiple sources	Characteristics of the area where GNSS signal degradation may occur (size, time, horizontal and vertical value. how often?) Characteristics of degradation occurrence - time to predict, how often, repeatability The meaning of GNSS signal degradation and it's impact on each type of aviation timestamp
VCS.DTM.01	GeoTIFF	RASTER – heightmap Accuracy H/V resolution timestamp
VCS.DSM.01	GeoTIFF	Raster - heightmap Accuracy H/V resolution timestamp
VCS.OBST.01	Polygon	Horizontal Vertical
VCS.Geoid.01	Math formula	including undulation
ec VCS.Elipsoid.01	Math formula	known

# WP4.2: Future activities



- Implementation of the datum conversion microservices
  - GNSS based to barometric
  - Barometric to GNSS based
  - Standardisation of interfaces to query and distribution of DEM/DTM/DSM
- integration of all component elements
- Tests

# ICARUS Services in ISO Standards

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# Why ICARUS involved in ISO standards?



- 1. By definition, all Projects have a start and an end
- 2. Several EU funded Projects develop and test prototypes
- 3. Or produce reports ...

... but ... what remains few years after Project termination?

## Nothing if standards are not produced

# **International standards last longer than Projects**



# 3 steps to reduce workload on CAAs

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2	Pool resources a regional level	at	ICAO EASA	GASOS			
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## **Evolution aviation safety**



# **ISO for safety of organisations**



- 1. ISO has a reputation for standards on quality and safety of organisation
  - a) ISO 9001:2015 Quality management systems
  - b) EN 9100, based on ISO 9001
  - c) ISO 45001:2018 Occupational health and safety management systems
  - d) Etc.
- 2. ISO Sub-Committee SC 16 (UAS) of Technical Committee TC 20 (Aerospace) has:
  - a) Produced 5 published ISO standards
  - b) 25 more in progress
- 3. Some cover 'organisations' and 'services'

# Draft ISO Standards for UTM & services



CD	Subject	Stage	
23629-9	UTM — Part 9: Interface with users	10 (Proposal)	
23629-8	UTM — Part 8: Remote Identification	20 (WD)	
23629-5	UTM — Part 5: UTM functional structure	40 (DIS)	
5015-2	UAS — Part 2: Operation of vertiports for unmanned aircraft (UA)	40 (DIS)	
23629-12	UTM — Part 12: Requirements for UTM service providers	40 (DIS)	Maturit
23629-7	UTM — Part 7: Data model for spatial data	50 (FDIS)	Σ
21384-3 (2019)	UAS — Part 3: Operational procedures	60 (IS) (Published)	
21384-3	UAS — Part 3: Operational procedures (2 <sup>nd</sup> ed. includes Command & Control SP)	90.92 (Revision)	<del>\</del>



# ISO DIS 23629-12 UTM service providers

- 1. List of 30 UTM services
  - 11 safety-critical (potentially subject to certification by Authorities), including two proposed by ICARUS:
    - a) Real-time GIS
    - b) Vertical Alert Service (VALS)
- 2. 13 safety-related (ISO certification may suffice)
  - Vertical Conversion Service (VCS)
- 3. 6 Operation support services
  - E.g. RAA <u>https://www.online-sora.com/</u>

# Main Topics in 23629-12



- 1. Scope & Normative references
- 2. Terms, definitions and abbreviations
- 3. Service Provision
- 4. Safety & Security Management
- 5. Software Safety Assurance
- 6. Contingencies & Maintenance
- 7. Privacy and Data Protection
- 8. Personnel competency
- Manuals, procedures and records
  10.Insurance

Based on Project development and input from Adv Board, more technical standards on RGIS, VALS & VCS might be proposed to ISO in the future



Manuel Onate

**EuroUSC** 







































9	In your	opinion,	a Vertica	l Alert Se	rvice (VAS	) for U-sp	ace is		
Very useful									
Moderately useful									
Slightly useful									
Not at all useful									
I don't know									
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#### **ICARUS Validation Activities**

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#### **Validation Activities**







EASY FLIGHT GA Cockpit simulator

Mixed Real flights / simulated flights

#### Validation scenario design





SCENARIO 1: UAS-GA CARS – SIMULATED / REAL OPERATIONS



#### SCENARIO 2: UAS-ULTRALIGHT- SIMULATED/REAL OPERATIONS



SCENARIO 3: UAM - DRONE TAXI UAM - SIMULATED

## **Family photo**





#### **ICARUS – Open Discussion**

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## ICARUS – Roadmap & Closing Meeting

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# **ICARUS** Roadmap



- SESAR Intermediate Project Review Meeting June 24, 2021
- October, 2021 Finalisation of

WP4 ICARUS service solution design & prototype
 WP5 Development of simulated environment

- From September to November 2021:
  - Demonstration Activities

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# Thank you very much for your attention!



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#### **Backup slide**

### **ICARUS – Milestones**



ID	Milestone	Date
M01	Kick-Off Meeting	May 27, 2020
M02	<ul> <li>Mid-term analysis Review:</li> <li>Project Management Plan – Issue 1</li> <li>D3.1 – ICARUS concept definition – Draft Version</li> </ul>	October 1, 2020
M03	<ul> <li>Final analysis Review</li> <li>D3.1 – ICARUS concept definition – Issue 1</li> <li>KOM system/service Design</li> </ul>	March, 2021
M04	<ul> <li>Architecture Design Review</li> <li>D4.1 Design and architecture of the ICARUS system &amp; service</li> </ul>	May, 2021
M05	<ul> <li>System/Service Prototype acceptance Review &amp; Validation</li> <li>scenario design</li> <li>ICARUS Prototype- Preliminary CONOPS- Architecture-</li> <li>Validation scenario and Simulation trials plan</li> </ul>	October 2021
M06	Final Results Review	January 2022
M07	Final Review (with dissemination results)	July 2022



QNH method calculation: Regional Lowest region pressure corrected every hour -3hPa

**CTR** and under **TMA** (continuously updated): In reference to the Airport ARP