

Viasat and Deutsche Telekom enter into long-term connectivity agreement



The agreement is set to improve connectivity on intra-European flights

[Viasat Inc.](#) and [Deutsche Telekom](#) have announced a long-term agreement that affirms the companies' commitment to providing inflight connectivity (IFC) solutions to airline partners across the European Aviation Network (EAN).

EAN, launched in 2019, combines the S-band satellite coverage with a complementary ground component network operated by Deutsche Telekom, the press release said. This network allows European travellers to benefit from an improved IFC experience on most intra-European flights. They can enjoy broadband services that support high bandwidth activities, such as streaming.

"The signing of today's long-term agreement is a significant milestone for the continuation of EAN," said David Fox, Vice President, Inflight & Connectivity Services, Deutsche Telekom. "Through operation and maintenance of the complementary ground component network, Deutsche Telekom will foster the continued growth of the service to reach more airlines and passengers, allowing them to stay connected throughout their travels within Europe."

Deutsche Telekom operates over 300 EAN sites in 30 countries across Europe, providing substantial infrastructure across the continent. The network uses low-weight and low-drag terminals that are easily installed on an aircraft within a few hours, making it cost-effective and sustainable.

Since its launch in 2019, over 140 million passengers have enjoyed inflight connectivity through the EAN. It's now available in more than 290 aircraft across various airlines, including Iberia, British Airways, Vueling and AEGEAN.

"Viasat remains fully committed to EAN, now part of our global service offering in aviation," said

Shameem Hashmi, Vice President, Aviation Strategy, Viasat. “The EAN inflight connectivity solution is the right solution for certain fleets in Europe. We look forward to welcoming more airline partners to the network, so that additional passengers across Europe can benefit from a world-class inflight connectivity experience.”