



This Summary of Consultation Feedback describes the key topics raised during consultation of the draft updated Environmental, Health, and Safety (EHS) Guidelines for **Airports**. The draft guidelines were disclosed for a 45-day online [consultation period](#), from **August 1 to September 15, 2025**. All comments received during the consultation period were reviewed and analyzed. Feedback was assessed to determine its relevance to the scope and objectives of the EHS Guidelines technical contents.

We received **134 comments** from stakeholders in **20 countries**. Participants represented a wide range of organizations and perspectives, including multilateral and financial institutions, airport operators and aviation authorities, government agencies, technical consulting firms, standard-setting bodies, civil society organizations, and individual experts.

We thank all the stakeholders that dedicated their time and shared their expertise to help improve these guidelines and we hope the EHS Guidelines will support its users working on EHS in the airport sector.

You can access the updated [EHS Guidelines for Airports \(2026\)](#).

Section	Key topics from the consultation feedback
Scope and Applicability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clearer definition outlining that the Guidelines cover commercial and mixed-use airports—including greenfield and brownfield developments as well as mid- and small-sized facilities—while excluding special-purpose airports and emerging infrastructure such as vertiports.</li> <li>• Tailoring requirements to local contexts, including differing regulatory frameworks, resource constraints, and climate conditions.</li> <li>• Applicability of the ICAO Balanced Approach</li> </ul>
Environmental Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate change adaptation and mitigation, including risk assessments, resilience measures, and GHG reduction strategies in Airports facilities</li> <li>• Waste management (municipal, hazardous, e-waste, and circular economy approaches)</li> <li>• Water management (potable water demand, stormwater, greywater reuse, and nature-based solutions)</li> <li>• Quantification of emissions to air, including GHG emissions, monitoring and mitigation measures</li> <li>• Biodiversity and wildlife management (buffer zones, ecological inventories, bird/bat monitoring, wildlife hazard plans)</li> </ul>
Occupational Health and Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Occupational health and safety (OHS) for airport workers, contractors, and third-party personnel such as concession operators</li> <li>• Worker welfare (rest areas, washrooms, accessible facilities)</li> <li>• Noise and vibration management (monitoring, thresholds, sensitive receptors)</li> <li>• Emergency preparedness and response (EPR frameworks, multi-hazard integration, drills, key performance indicators (KPI) and integration with local emergency services including training drills)</li> <li>• Construction safety, operational safety, and detailed management plans and procedures for environmental and H&amp;S management</li> </ul>

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Sustainability and Green Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Energy efficiency (ISO standards, audits, renewable energy integration)</li> <li>• Sustainable aviation fuels (SAF), electrification of ground support equipment (GSE), and innovation roadmaps</li> <li>• Environmental monitoring, performance indicators (KPI) reporting and public disclosure, digitalization</li> </ul>
Aviation and Air Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Airside and landside operations, ground support equipment definitions, and operational protocols</li> <li>• Integration with city/regional master plans and future growth scenarios</li> </ul>
Noise and Vibration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noise management strategies, community engagement, and technical standards</li> </ul>
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Document structure, clarity, terminology, and formatting</li> <li>• Policy-level issues outside of the scope of EHS Guidelines</li> <li>• General EHS issues (to be considered in the General EHS Guidelines, e.g., e-waste)</li> </ul>