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Dear Ms Moloney

**ACL RESPONSE TO COMMISSION PAPER CP4/2002:
CONSULTATION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LEVY**

I am writing on behalf of Airport Coordination Limited (ACL) in response to the consultation paper CP4/2002 published by the Commission on 4 April 2002.

The Commission has advised the industry of its intention to appoint ACL as the Schedule Coordinator at Dublin Airport for a period of 3 years, commencing 31 March 2002, subject to agreement on contract terms.

Section 6.3 of the consultation paper deals with questions regarding the apportionment of the costs of 'Slot Allocation and Co-ordination' between the parties who will use the services provided by ACL.

It is inappropriate for ACL to recommend or advocate any particular apportionment of these costs. However, I thought it would be helpful to provide you with some data on how the issue of sharing the costs of the coordination service is addressed in other countries, primarily the EU, for which I have data available.

I attach, for information purposes, a table summarising the method of apportionment of slot allocation and coordination costs in a number of EU Member States and Australia, which may be helpful in your deliberations.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if further details are required.

Yours sincerely,


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Funding Arrangements of EU Countries

Country	Coordinator	Funding Arrangements
Belgium	Brussels Slot Coordination	- 40% by airport - 60% by airlines
Denmark	ACD	50% from Copenhagen Airports & 50% from the Danish Airlines, based on the number of slots. No payment for Airline with less than 400 slots p.a.
Finland	Helsinki Airport Coordination	Helsinki Airport Coordination is an independent coordinating organisation, but without legal status of its own. The officers are employees of Finnair working part-time in Helsinki Airport Coordination under the supervision of the Civil Aviation Administration of Finland. Funding is by Finnair.
France	COHOR	The airport managing bodies and airlines each cover 50% of the total cost of COHOR's operations. Amongst the airports (Charles de Gaulle, Orly, Lyons and Nice), the cost is shared according to the total number of coordinated aircraft movements. Amongst the airlines, 1/3 of their contribution is equally shared, the remainder is covered according to the total number of slots each member has at all of the four coordinated by COHOR.
Germany	Airport Coordination Germany (APCG)	APCG is funded jointly by the German airlines who have formed a non-profit organisation. The final responsibility for funding lies with the Federal Ministry of Transport for reasons of neutrality.
Greece	Greek Airports Coordination	All the budget of GAC is funded by Olympic Airways.
Italy	Assoclearance	Assoclearance funding comes 50% from the associated airports and 50% from associated airlines.

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Netherlands	SACN	The funding of SACN comes from the 5 participating home-carriers (2/3) and from Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (1/3). Eindhoven Airport pays SACN a fixed fee per slot allocated.
Portugal	Portuguese Airport Slot	Presently, all expenses are funded by TAP-Air Portugal.
Spain	AENA	AENA is responsible for airports, ATC and coordination in Spain. AENA is self-financed through airport and air navigation charges and commercial revenue derived from its services. No revenue is derived directly from the coordination services provided, as no charges have to be paid by the airlines operating to the Spanish airports for coordination.
Sweden	Airport Coordination Sweden	50% of ACS's funding comes from the airports and the other 50% comes from its members.
United Kingdom	Airport Coordination Limited	The majority of ACL's Funding (75%) comes from the airports at which ACL provides services. ACL raises about 5% of its funding from "Other Sources" e.g. selling data, consultancy etc. The balance of funds (20%) comes from its airline members, who contribute in proportion to the number of slots each holds on 1 December each year,

Australia

Country	Coordinator	Funding Arrangements
Australia	Airport Coordination Australia	90% of funding comes from Australian airlines. (Fixed fee per slot allocated) Remaining 10% raised from Sydney Airport.