

Austria as member of the Abis rotation group (Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Ireland, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Portugal, Switzerland), was elected on 1 October 2022 for the next triennium in Part II to the ICAO Council. Since then, Christian Schleifer is the appointed permanent representative of Austria for this three-year term.

From 2014 until March 2022 Christian Schleifer was the Secretary General and CEO of EUROCAE, a leading international Standard Developing Organisation (SDO) of worldwide recognised, high quality and safety critical industry standards for aviation. Mr. Schleifer was responsible for the operational management, development, restructuring, transformation, and growth of the SDO.

From 2009 until 2011, Mr. Schleifer served as Member on the ICAO Air Navigation Commission (ANC) and as its President on 2012 and 2013.

Prior to his posting at ICAO, Mr. Schleifer was a specialised Certification and Flight Test Engineer for Avionics, Electrics and Human-Machine interface. After his return from ICAO, he was involved in the strategic development of the ANS in Austria, contributing to the European and Global Air Navigation modernisation programmes.

In this role, Mr. Schleifer has a background in Electronic Engineering and holds a Commercial Pilot License (CPL), actively flies single and multi-engine aircrafts. Beside the technical and operational aviation background, he also holds a Global Executive MBA from the University of Minnesota and the Vienna University of Economics.