

# **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)**

## CSR in Atlantic Airways 2020

At Atlantic Airways, we are committed to conducting our business in a responsible and transparent manner, striving to serve the Faroese society and community as well as to provide competitive services to our passengers, and to manage our social and environmental footprints.

Atlantic Airways is one of the largest enterprises in the Faroe Islands with 146 employees. We are connecting the Faroe Islands with the world through scheduled connections to several destinations. Atlantic Airways also runs a helicopter operation providing domestic services and SAR operations in Faroese territories. Also, we play an important role in developing tourism in the Faroe Islands.

It is the airline's policy that all activities be conducted in such a manner that commercial, societal and environmental considerations are taken. Thus, we have defined three key areas:

- Business operations: Health & safety, environment, safety / compliance management
- Workplace: Employee satisfaction, well-being, education and competence development
- **Community:** Together we develop the Faroe Islands, sponsorships and donations

## **BUSINESS OPERATIONS**

## Environment

As an airline, our main environmental footprint stems from the fuel we use for our aircraft. Aviation is tied to oil consumption and also Co2 emissions, which are considered a cause of climate change. With increasing fuel costs, it makes sense business-wise and for the environment to do what we can to reduce our fuel consumption and CO2 emissions.

A few years ago, the airline updated the fleet, bringing in Airbus aircraft in place of the old Avro RJ aircraft that had higher emissions. We continued renewing the fleet in 2019 and 2020 when two new Airbus A320neo joined the fleet. The A320neo's fuel consumption and CO2 emissions are at least 15% lower than the current Airbus aircraft. In 2020, the average jet fuel burn per seat on the scheduled services was 70 kilos lower on average, compared with the average consumption per seat on the scheduled services in 2008. In 2020, the total CO2 emissions from Atlantic Airways' scheduled services was 21,223 tonnes. Atlantic Airways has registered all its fuel consumption and CO2 emission from aircraft since 2010 because of environmental demands from EU authorities.

In line with the company's fuel-saving efforts, aircraft are washed more often than before, because using clean aircraft equals less fuel burn. All single-use cutlery and cups on board the aircraft have been changed into sustainable solutions. The airline continues to work on developing sustainable solutions in all areas in order to have less of an impact on the environment.







Finally, we are aware of our environmental impact in regard to the use of chemicals and toxic substances. These are required by aircraft manufacturers for maintenance, but we are very conscious of limiting our use to as little as possible. Also, we have procedures in place for the disposal of toxic materials. Waste is sorted between burning materials, non-burning materials, paper, fuel, lubricants and organic waste, and these are recycled or disposed in a controlled manner in order to minimize harm to the environment.

## Health and Safety

It is central for our license to operate that we are in compliance with relevant legal and industry requirements in regard to health and safety issues. In addition, we are concerned about our employees, and do our outmost to ensure that they have a safe work environment. We are regularly conducting training in health & safety for our employees.

Each work-related accident or incident will be evaluated and mitigating measures will be taken to avoid repetition of any such occurrences.

#### Safety management

Safety management is a structured approach to manage identified hazards and eliminate/mitigate associated risks in both the operational, ground and technical environment. This proactive approach to safety is implemented in the company in addition to the system reactive approach, where reported events are investigated to a level, where possible non-compliances are identified, and control measures put in place to eliminate the risk of their reoccurrence. The goal is to identify all hazards, report all occurrences, assess associated risks and mitigate to a level as low as reasonably practicable (ALARP).

'Just Safety Culture' is part of the system, in which each employee is encouraged to provide safety-related information in a non-punitive environment, but where there is also a clear line between acceptable and unacceptable behaviour.

In addition to the operational reporting system, Flight Data Monitoring (FDM) is essential for the fixed-wing fleet. From FDM data, we are able to identify possible hazards, which are not within operating procedures. From statistical and trend data, we are able to identify and predict where to increase our focus.

Within the technical environment, there is a strong focus to learn from mistakes and reduce human error events, which compromise the safety of the operating environment. This is systemized through the Maintenance Error Management System (MEMS), which encourages and facilitates incident reporting and investigation, utilizing human error events as learning tools.

Based on several years of reporting and investigation, the company has identified five 'Key Behaviours for Line and Base maintenance work, which is being fostered within the maintenance and inspection work processes to reduce mishaps and maintain safety.

These Key Behaviours are:

- **Review maintenance instructions** (before starting the work)
- **Document job status** (to ensure the next shift knows exactly, what has been done)
- Separate inspection (after critical tasks have been performed)
- A last set of eyes (after the job is done, just to make completely sure that the aircraft is left airworthy)
- **Take a moment to focus** (before undertaking a critical or demanding task)



#### **Compliance management**

Compliance management is the company's exercise to ensure that the outcome of the activities in operations and maintenance meets the regulatory, customer and company requirements. The quality policy is the foundation under the compliance management.

The performance of the compliance management system is evaluated 4 times per year by senior management. The evaluation is based on Key Performance Indicators from all departments, as well as the independent compliance monitoring reports from both internal and external (e.g. the aviation authorities) audits.

## WORKPLACE

#### Employee satisfaction and well-being

Atlantic Airways is a major employer in the Faroe Islands, offering our employees highly skilled and international careers in an interesting industry.

At Atlantic Airways, we focus on our employees' satisfaction and well-being. Knowing that satisfied and motivated employees are more productive and efficient, we have initiated surveys among staff groups to measure job satisfaction and well-being. In 2018, a survey was conducted among all staff groups focusing on mental work environment and workplace environment. The survey showed that employee satisfaction is high. Based on the survey, we have developed action plans focusing on improvements of key areas.

#### Education

The airline is the only one of its kind in the Faroe Islands and we see this as a core responsibility to develop local talent in the Faroese work market. In a small society as the Faroese, it is central to be able to make it attractive for young people to either stay in the Faroe Islands or to return after their education abroad. Thus, we offer several education opportunities and also reach out to Faroese students abroad to promote the idea of a career with us.

## **Competence development**

We have a significant focus on competence development of our employees. Our goal is to train and keep our competent employees on the Faroese work market. In addition, we are aware that this is a central parameter for employee satisfaction, ensuring the continuous development of each individual employee.

Our competence development activities can be divided into mandatory training and additional training. In 2020, the airline's expenses on mandatory and additional training were DKK 3.7 million.

## COMMUNITY

## **Developing the Faroe Islands together**

As an active company in the Faroese community, Atlantic Airways exists to connect the Faroe Islands to the surrounding world and to tie the islands closer together and for safety. Atlantic Airways operates a regular, flexible and diverse route network from the Faroe Islands with competitive prices. We work closely with customers and the community to better our services and experiences. The reliable scheduled services allows our passengers young & old, strong & weak, people & cargo to travel for purposes of business & culture, fun & serious and in joy & sadness. For us, it is of the utmost importance that The Faroe Islands are a good place to live and work. This is why we stay in regular contact with local interest groups to find solutions and ideas as to how we may improve our services and products.

In addition, we are engaged with the broader development of business and the business community through the Faroese Employers' Association. A strong Faroese working market provides economic activity and jobs for people on the islands - and eventually business for us.

Finally, we are naturally engaged with tourism development and the international branding of the Faroe Islands abroad, as tourism is another potential growth opportunity for our business at the same time as it provides economic opportunity for the community.



## **Sponsorships and donations**

Atlantic Airways is an active participant in Faroese society, and we support Faroese sport and culture through sponsorships and other supportive actions, because we believe in a healthy sports and cultural community.

In sports, most sponsorships are centred on national teams and national unions rather than local teams, and we also want to cultivate great talents that can make a name for themselves outside of the Faroe Islands.

The company has been the main sponsor of the Faroese National Football Team since 1995. Atlantic Airways also supports the national teams in handball, volleyball, swimming and chess. There is a general agreement in place with the ÍSF (National Sport Union) to support the smaller unions' international activities.

Atlantic Airways has among other things sponsored various music festivals. The latest initiative has been the foundation "Loftbrúgv," which has been established together with the Nordic House, Tórshavn Municipality and The Ministry of Culture. This foundation will support cultural activities abroad with regard to air travel.

In late 2016, Atlantic Airways established the art subsidy scheme Listaflog, whose purpose is to support Faroese art financially and through flight tickets on the scheduled services in connection with work with art or specific art projects. The annual total subsidy amount is DKK 100,000, which is distributed once every year on 28 March, which is the anniversary of Atlantic Airways' first flight.