Flight safety is aviation's top priority. Far from being a constraint, it is a factor of development. Supporting even safer airport operations, the SESAR programme works on several complementary Solutions: safety barriers to mitigate the risks of runway incursion, runway excursion and more generally the risk of incident and accident involving aircraft in the airport environment.

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**RunWay Status Lights (RWSL)**
The ATC system is fed by consolidated airport surveillance data to autonomously detect when the runway is unsafe due to other traffic. Thus, dedicated in-pavement lights (Take-off Hold Lights) are automatically illuminated in front of aligned aircraft to indicate a pilot is in an unsafe situation. Likewise, on runway entrance taxiways, Runway Entrance Lights are automatically switched on to prevent pilots and vehicle drivers from entering or crossing the runway when a take-off or landing is detected.

**Conformance Monitoring Alerts and detection of Conflicting ATC Clearances (CMAC-CATC)**
Based on airport surveillance data, local airport procedures and electronic stripping integrating ATC clearances, the ATC system alerts the Tower Controller when traffic doesn’t comply with procedure or ATC instruction during take-off, landing and surface operations. Moreover, the ATC system alerts the Tower Controller when it detects conflicting runway clearances.

**Enhanced Situational Awareness and Airport Safety Nets for vehicle drivers (AVDR)**
Airside vehicle drivers operating on the maneuvering area, are provided with a moving map displaying airport layout, vehicle ownership position and surrounding traffic as received from the airport surveillance system. Additionally, the vehicle on-board equipment raises visual and audio alerts to the driver in case of area infringement or detected conflicting traffic. Alerts are generated by the on-board system or by a centralized server fed by A-SMGCS surveillance data with an uplink to the vehicle.

**Traffic Alerts for Pilots in Airport Operations (SURF ITA+)**
Based on ADS-B receptions, the on-board system detects conflicting aircraft during take-off, landing and surface operations to alert the pilot.

**Enhanced Airport Safety Support Tools for Controllers (new CMAC-CATC)**
Based on aircraft ownership position, local airport procedures and electronic environments integrating ATC clearances and local procedures, the ATC system detects more conflicting situations during take-off, landing and surface operations to alert the controller.

**Conformance Monitoring Alerts for Pilots (CMAP)**
Based on ADS-B receptions, the on-board system detects non conformances to airport procedures or to delivered ATC clearances during surface operations. Major benefits are in low visibility conditions.

**Safety Support Tools for Avoiding Runway Excursions (STARe)**
On any airport where adverse weather conditions frequently justify this solution, Pilots, Airport Operators and Tower Controllers are provided with indications related to the runway contamination status and braking efficiency. These indications can be consolidated based on multiple input data, including on-board systems. The pilot and tower controller can also be alerted when an arriving aircraft follows a non-nominal trajectory with a risk of runway excursion.