

Airspace E

ANSP Perspective

What we all want to avoid...

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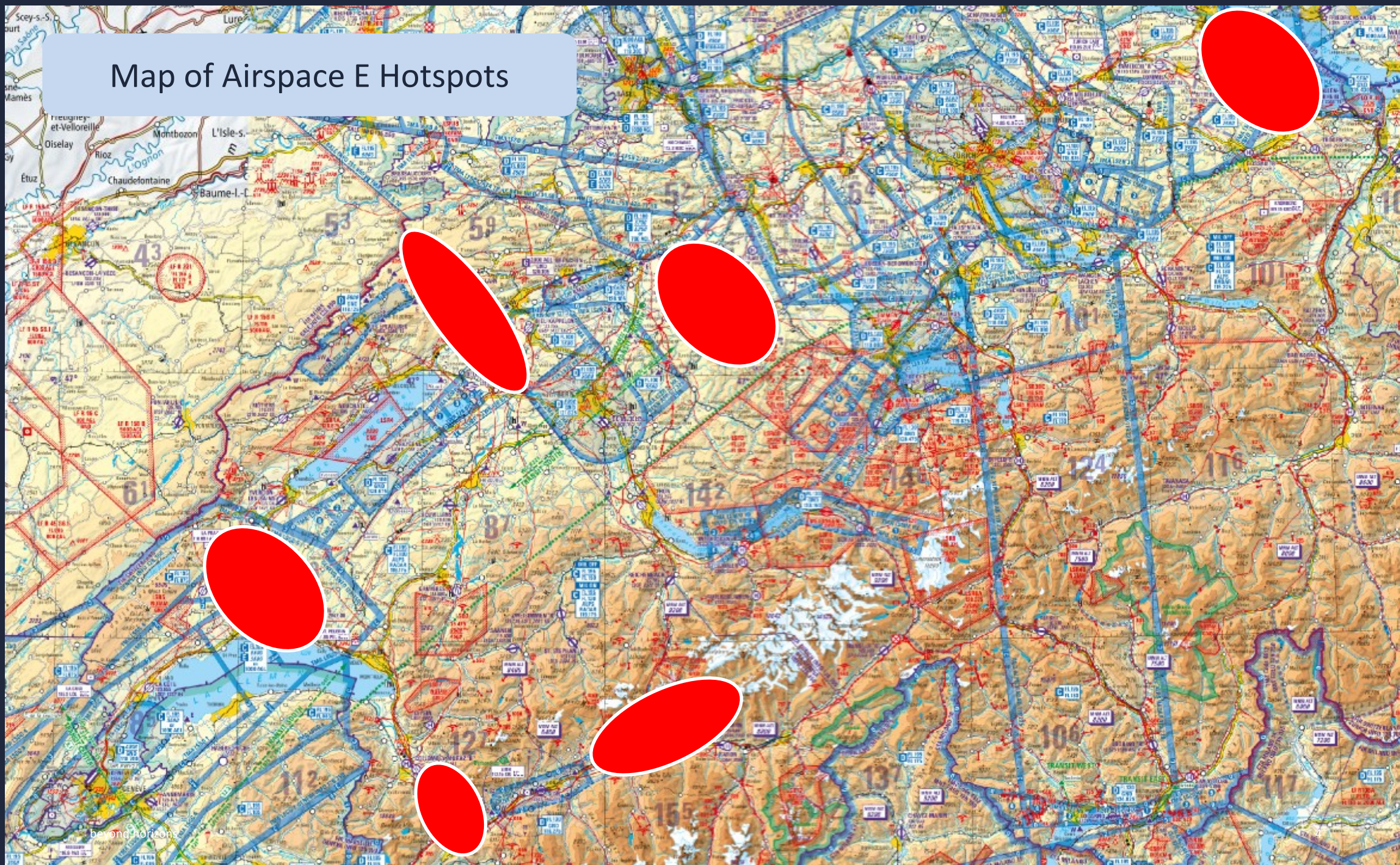
Root Cause

Even though there are defined responsibilities for airspace Echo operations, there is a lack of common understanding of these responsibilities within Skyguide and Swiss aviation in general.

Problem Statement

There are specific uncomfortable situations in airspace Echo where Skyguide Air Traffic Service (ATS) personnel feel responsible for ensuring aircraft safety when there is a perception of a high risk of collision between aircraft and there is limited ability for them to intervene or resolve the situation.

Map of Airspace E Hotspots



- Mentoring and Guidance
 - Airspace Echo mentoring and coordination group
 - Develop an Airspace Echo best practices document

- Training and Education
 - Include Airspace Echo training in initial and refresher training
 - Support pilot culture and understanding

- Continuous Improvement
 - Continuous monitoring of related occurrences
 - Review local risk registers
 - Review and implement hotspot recommendations

- The topic of mixed IFR/VFR traffic in Airspace E is one of the major safety risks that Skyguide is dealing with
- Work is ongoing to reduce the risk “as low as reasonably practicable”, considering the given frame conditions
- FOCA and Skyguide are in continuous exchange on this topic and are trying to elaborate effective and acceptable solutions
- Skyguide is here to support the General Aviation community (notably with our Flight Information services)