

# Air Law Conference

## Sustainable & Safe Air Transport

Addressing Today's Challenges and Preparing for the Future

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# EASA's history



**1990s**

Joint Aviation Authorities (JAA)  
(1970s: Joint Airworthiness Authorities)



**2002**

“European Aviation Safety Agency” established  
by Reg. (EU) No 1592/2002. Scope:  
Aircraft airworthiness (Initial & Continuing)  
+ Environment (Noise & Emissions)



**2008**

Reg. (EU) No 216/2008: Remit expanded to include:  
Air OPS, Aircrew Licencing (flight crew & cabin crew), Third-  
Country Operator (TCO) Authorisations



**2009**

Reg. (EC) 1108/2009: Remit expanded to include:  
Air Traffic Management (ATM) & Air Navigation  
Services (ANS) + Aerodromes (ADR)



**2018**

“Basic Regulation” (EU) 2018/1139 enlarges the European  
**Union** Aviation Safety Agency’s responsibilities to include  
Drones and Urban Air Mobility, (Cyber-)Security, and the  
reallocation of oversight responsibilities from the Member  
States to EASA as competent authority



# EASA's mandate evolution



Initial Mandate



New mandate



Reinforced role



Pandemic Response

## EASA foundation

Aircraft  
airworthiness (initial  
& continuing)  
+ Environment  
(noise & emissions)



2002-2003

Regulation (EC) No  
1592/2002

Air Operations



Crew Licensing



Third Country  
Operators



2008-2009

Regulation (EC) No  
216/2008

Aerodromes



Air Traffic Management/ Air  
Navigation Service Providers



Conflict Zone  
Information



Drones



Urban Air  
Mobility



Cybersecurity



2016

Regulation (EU)  
2018/1139



Environment



Research



Innovation



Aviation  
Health  
Safety  
(COVID-19)

2020



Environment  
- ReFuelEU  
Aviation

2023

# Our Mission

“To provide safe air travel for EU citizens in Europe and worldwide”

## 5 strategic themes:

### SAFE



Maintain a safe,  
resilient aviation  
ecosystem

### GLOBAL



Enhance global  
standards and  
interoperability

### GREEN



Achieve net zero  
emissions in  
aviation by 2050

### INNOVATIVE



Integrate  
innovative  
technologies

### RESILIENT



Equip EASA for  
the next decade

# Strategy 2025-2028



**“Your safety is our mission”**

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## Safety Risk Management

Efficient SRM process that develops mitigations for the top safety issues through EPAS (focus on safety).



## Risk Based Oversight

DOA mechanism designed & endorsed. Principles for other organisations harmonised. Maturity model for NCAs.



## ATM & Aerodromes

Certification and oversight of ATM DPO, ATM/ADR ground equipment.



## Implement SMS & ISMS across Industry

Full integration into organisation oversight & standardisation.  
Competence building for NCA/EASA.



## Flightpath 2030+

Deliver Programme Objectives related to e-conspicuity and prevention of mid-air collision.



## Maintain a safe, resilient aviation ecosystem

Ensure that European safety and oversight standards effectively mitigate all risks affecting safety.

Approve safe products that perform as expected in the system as part of a competitive industry.

Promote a human-centered approach to maintaining safety.





## Enhance global standards and interoperability

Work with authorities worldwide to align safety and environmental standards and build competences to match the challenges of a changing aviation system.

Leverage our international footprint and trusted status to partner with key international regulators on simplifying and harmonising applicable rules and approaches.



## ICAO USOAP

Positive Effective Implementation score ( $\geq 90\%$ ).



## Effective Contribution to ICAO

ICAO General Assembly outcomes aligned with EU interest.  
Take leading roles in key panels.



## Global Influence

EASA-FAA safety conference. China Joint Committee. Implement EU aviation agreements with major partners. Technical support to priority regions.



## **Achieve net zero emissions in aviation by 2050**

Team up with stakeholders to enable the technical, operational and fuelling capabilities required to pave the way for net zero aviation and mitigate non-CO2 emissions.

Coordinate technical competences in the field of environmental sustainability.



## **Sustainable Aviation**

EAER 2025, Reporting on safe SAF uptake, Flight Emissions Label.



## **Green Technologies**

Develop certification requirements and deliver electric, hybrid & hydrogen propulsion projects.



## **Global Environmental Protection Standards**

ICAO Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection.  
Environmental protection requirements for VTOL-capable aircraft.





## Regulatory Prioritisation & Simplification

EPAS (focus on safety) & Launch first rulemaking simplification projects.



## ATM/ANS

SESAR3 deployment incl. future connectivity, GNSS resilience.



## Research

EU Aviation Research & Innovation Strategy, Regulatory sandboxes.



## Artificial Intelligence in Aviation

Step 1 towards first 'AI trustworthiness' NPA, Initiate consultation on Issue 3 of EASA AI Concept Paper.



## Integrate innovative technologies

Develop regulatory frameworks, approaches and competences that ensure the aviation system can keep pace with technological advancements.

Enable a unified, safe, and harmonised air traffic management system.

## Financial Sustainability

Adjusted Fees & Charges Reg adopted, EASA proposal for MFF 2028-2034 submitted. Introduce concrete cost reduction measures.

## Digitalisation

Process simplification & digitalisation. Deliver key projects (*SEPIAC, SAP & SP Migration, REPIF*) leveraging Digital Core. Imp. of IAS audit action plan.

## Workforce & Capacity Mgmt.

Technical line evolution, Knowledge retention, succession “action”.  
Partnership with NCAs, QEs, Eurocontrol & Industry.

## Communication & Crisis Mgmt.

Strengthen communication effectiveness by agreeing comms/safety promotion plans for key cross-agency deliverables in SPD process 2026+.

## One-EASA

Achieve a culture of unity and live our values, driven by a common purpose.



## Equip EASA for the next decade

Establish a clear purpose and build community among EASA staff.  
Deliver smartly through a combination of own staff, external partnerships, contractors and digital processes.

Achieve a position of financial sustainability.

# Thank you for your interest!



**Working for sustainable aviation.**  
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