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The European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) is the centrepiece of the European Union's strategy for aviation safety. Our mission is to promote and achieve the highest common standards of safety and environmental protection in civil aviation.

Your safety is our mission. Air transport is one of the safest forms of travel. As air traffic continues to grow a common strategy is needed at the European level to keep air transport safe and sustainable. The European Aviation Safety Agency develops common safety and environmental rules at the European level. It monitors the implementation of standards through inspections in the Member States and provides the necessary technical expertise, training and research. The aviation industry benefits from common specifications, cost-efficient services and a single point of contact.

The Agency works hand in hand with national authorities which continue to carry out many operational tasks, such as certification of individual aircraft or licensing of pilots.

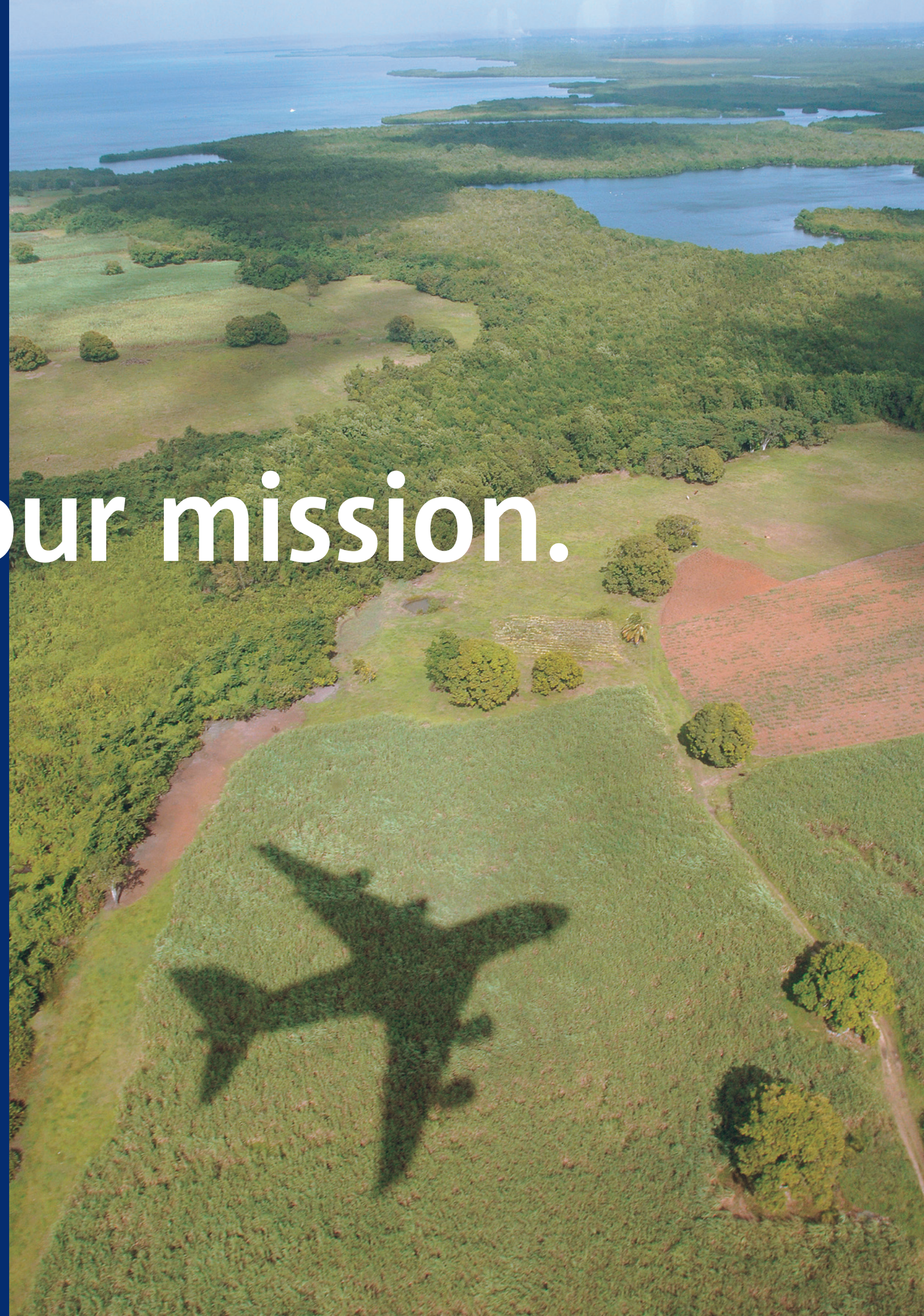
The main tasks of the Agency currently include:

- Rulemaking: drafting aviation safety legislation and providing technical advice to the European Commission and to the Member States;
- Inspections, training and standardisation programmes to ensure uniform implementation of European aviation safety legislation in all Member States;
- Safety and environmental type-certification of aircraft, engines and parts;
- Approving design organisations world-wide, and organisations responsible for production and maintenance located outside the territory of the Member States, or inside the EU on request of Member States;
- Coordination of the EU SAFA-Programme (Safety Assessment of Foreign Aircraft) for the safety of foreign aircraft using Community airports;
- Data collection, analysis and research to improve aviation safety.

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By 2010, the Agency will be in charge of authorizations for third-country (non-EASA Member State) operators wishing to operate in the EU.

Further responsibilities for the safety of airports, air traffic management and air navigation systems, as well as a global regulatory approach to environmental protection are planned for the following years.



Member States and International Cooperation. EASA's Member States are the EU countries and Norway, Liechtenstein, Iceland, Switzerland.

The Agency develops close working relationships with counterpart organisations across the world including the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in the United States and the aviation authorities of Canada, Brazil, Israel, China and Russia. Working arrangements between the Agency and these organisations are aimed at harmonising standards and promoting best practice in aviation safety worldwide.

Independent and accountable. EASA became operational in 2003 on the basis of European Parliament and Council Regulation 1592/2002. As an independent EU body under European law, it is accountable to the Member States and the EU institutions. A Management Board with representatives from the Member States and the European Commission adopts the Agency's budget and work programme. The aviation industry is actively involved in the Agency's work through a number of consultative and advisory committees. There is also an independent Board of Appeal.

Growing fast. Based in Cologne, Germany, the Agency employs some 500 professionals from across Europe. It will continue to recruit highly qualified specialists and administrators in the next years as it consolidates its position as Europe's centre of excellence in aviation safety.