



Further Improvement for Global Aviation Safety in 2012

EASA today issued preliminary aviation safety data for 2012 which shows a further improvement in worldwide safety levels. In commercial air transport operations, the number of fatal accidents decreased from 46 in 2011 to 39 in 2012. Specifically in passenger air transport operations there has been a reduction in the number of fatal accidents from 17 in 2011 to 11 in 2012. The number of passenger fatalities in air transport operations has continued at historically low levels, whilst there was a slight increase from 335 in 2011 to 341 in 2012, this is significantly lower than the 657 fatalities in 2010.

In Europe, EASA Member States continue to have a strong safety record. As with 2011, there was a single fatal accident involving an EASA Member State operated aircraft in 2012. A ground accident involving an Airbus A320 at Rome Fiumicino Airport in November led to the tragic death of a member of airport support staff.

A great deal of work continues on further improving safety in Europe through the European Aviation Safety Plan covering the four-year period between 2012 and 2015. The Plan connects the safety issues identified with the actions and initiatives launched to address the underlying risks.

Further statistics on aviation safety in 2012 can be found [here](#).

The figures mentioned above concern commercial air transport operations by aeroplanes with a maximum take-off mass above 2,250 kg. For the graph of fatal accidents by Region this includes commercial air transport operations in passenger, cargo and ferry/ positioning flights only. In the coming months, EASA will publish its Annual Safety Review 2012 and further information on the Review and European Aviation Safety Plan will be presented at the European Aviation Safety Symposium, which will be hosted by EASA in Cologne on 5 March 2012.



