

Looking ahead with hope towards a summer Ramp-Up.....

May starts with more hope for the future than perhaps many of us have had for some time now. As vaccination programmes gather speed the whole industry is looking hopefully towards the Ramp-Up of operations over the summer. The focus for May's Air Ops News is to get you thinking about your own preparations for the month's ahead. Knowing how busy you are likely to be, we are here to help you keep in touch with all the latest developments and goings on from the EASA team in Cologne and our many collaborative partners. Our main topics this month are:

- Understanding the importance of talking about safety with your operational staff.
- The latest update to the COVID-19 Safety Issues Report.
- EASA acronym of the month - what is a CAG?
- What you can expect at the EASA SAFE 360° Conference that takes place on 8-10 June.
- Ramp-Up - Be READY, Stay SAFE Campaign, coming soon along with Safety Week.
- More information to help implementation of the Global Reporting for Runway Condition Reporting.
- Latest news on EASA Rulemaking with lots of material to help with EBT and Fuel Management.

It's always difficult to keep on top of everything that's going on in EASA-land so this update aims to provide you all the information you need in one easy place. If you think we missed anything just drop an email to safetypromotion@easa.europa.eu.

Do you know what your top safety risks are? More importantly, are you talking about them enough?

Perhaps the most important question you should be asking yourself is "Do I know what my top safety risks are right now?" and then the follow up of course is "Are we managing operations safely, so that aviation safety risks are kept to an acceptable level". With so much going on as operations Ramp-Up, it's easy to lose focus on what's important. Encourage open discussions with your operational staff about the top risks your organisations faces and work to solve them together. We hear of many staff worried to speak out or to report things. Make this normal practice in your organisation. Here are some practical things you can do:

- Create a "Safety Minute" after every flight, task or other activity to reflect on what went well (so you can repeat that every time) and what you could improve on.
- Encourage your staff to use your organisation's reporting system and make sure you actually provide feedback on the report's that are received to encourage more reporting and conversation.
- Join other safety managers to share ideas on the [Conversation Aviation LinkedIn Group](#).



Are you talking to your staff about their safety concerns?

The latest update on COVID-19 Safety Issues?

With most of the industry operating at a reduced level at the moment, the knock on effect is that occurrence and hazards reporting is much lower in every organisation. This makes it hard to really understand and manage your safety risks in the way that you are used in normal operations. Of course, this is why its important to create a "Safety Minute" to have positive discussions about safety with your operational staff. Here at EASA we have been working hard with our collaborative safety partners across the Collaborative Analysis Groups (CAGs) to update our report on the "[Safety Issues Arising from the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)".

The review identified the following new safety issues in addition to those previously identified:

- Unusual approach profiles in the pandemic circumstances (Unstable approaches)
- Increase of cyber-security issues related to the pandemic situation
- Transfer of pilots from one fleet to another resulting in low hours on type
- Maintenance of electrical systems and visual aids at aerodromes
- Decreased funding of aviation regulatory authorities
- Reduction in training effectiveness due to COVID-19 restrictions
- Rapid growth of cargo operations during the pandemic
- Reduction in Contracted Fees to Ground Handling Service Providers
- Knowledge transfer missed for new generation aviation personnel
- ANSPs returning to operations after being closed for several months
- Carriage of hand sanitiser in the cabin.

Check out the [full report on the EASA website](#) and use the full list to help inform your own decision making on the safety risks in your own organisation.

You can find out more about the individual safety issues on the Air Ops Community Site and we will be discussing many of the safety issues at the upcoming [SAFE 360° Conference](#) that takes place online on 8-10 June.

EASA Acronym of the Month - What is a CAG?

We love a TLA (Three Letter Abbreviation) or complicated accronym in the aviation community and nowhere more than EASA. So here's a new feature to help you cut through some of the mystical language we use to try to complicate things even further for everyone. This month we have the famous Collaborative Analysis Groups.....



What to Expect at the EASA SAFE 360° Conference

On 8-10 June the EASA SAFE 360° Conference will take place. It's a free event that will be held online - you can register via the [event page on the EASA website](#). SAFE 360° exists to bring the whole air ops community together to discuss the most important safety issues so that we can agree on what our key challenges are and the solutions we need to improve safety.

On Day 1 there will be a number of high level panels to discuss the new safety landscape, the Data4Safety project and Integrated Risk Management. Day 2 will see a number of 360° panels on some vital safety issues including training effectiveness and competence, approach path management and turnaround safety. Then on Day 3 we will start with a number of interesting 360° workshops and then we'll finish with breakouts on Flight Data Monitoring and Occurrence Reporting.



SAFE360° Agenda

Day 1 - June 8th High Level Panels 1300 - 1630

Opening and Keynote

New Safety
Landscape

Data4 Safety
Going Operational

Integrated Risk
Management

Day 2 - June 9th 360° Panels 1350-1700

Training Effectiveness
and Competence

*The urgency of addressing the
lack of recency in the industry*

Approach Path
Management

*Addressing the factors that
effect a safe landing*

Turnaround Safety

*How do we ensure the safety
of our people and equipment*

Day 3 - June 10th 360° Workshops 0920-1215

Entry of Aircraft
Performance Data

Safe Use of Airspace

Monitoring the COVID-19
Safety Issues with FDM

Breakouts
1400-1600

FDM Best Practices

Occurrence Reporting

Safety Week - 21-27 June supporting the whole industry to Ramp- Up - Be Ready and Stay Safe.....

At EASA and Together4Safety we are committed to working with the whole aviation community to help everyone to "Be Ready and Stay Safe" during the Ramp-Up of operations. We are working hard with our safety partners across the industry to put the finishing touches to a new safety campaign that will be launched in the coming weeks. The campaign will focus on the key actions that organisations and staff in different roles can take to make sure we all focus on the basics when things are unfamiliar.

The campaign will feature during the 360° Conference and we will have a dedicated Safety Week from 21-27 June to host lots of short, dedicated sessions on the safety actions for each of the different stakeholder groups. There will a general session for safety teams plus others for ATM/ ANS, Aerodromes/ Ramp/ Ground Handling, Flight Crew, Cabin Crew, Air Ops, Maintenance and others.

We will provide more information on the different sessions in the coming days so keep an eye of the EASA social media and [Together4Safety LinkedIn Page](#) for all the latest information.

The Latest on Runway Condition Reporting

You might remember that on 10th March we hosted an implementation workshop on the Global Reporting Format for Runway Surface Conditions. It was a great event that was attended by over 1,000 people. You can find the presentations and the answers to the questions posed during the session on the [Event Web-Page](#). Also, on 23 April the regulatory package was completed with the AMC and GM to the Air Ops Regulation - find out more about this on the [EASA website news item](#).



Learn all about the implementation of the Global Reporting Format for Runway Surface Condition

Join EASA and key industry experts at our industry webinar that takes place on 10th March from 10:00 to 13:00

Bite-size EASA - What's Coming Up?

We have lots of other safety promotion activities planned for the coming months, the main topics will be:

- Effective implementation of Safety Management.
- Enhanced Flight Vision Systems.
- Evidence Based Training.
- New Fuel Rules

We finish by starting the conversation aviation with 3 new songs for our Safety Music Playlist...."Cool Kids" by Echosmith, "Shy Away" by Twenty Pilots and "Everybody's Talkin'" by Beautiful South.

Cool Kids don't shy away from talking about safety

What's on your playlist?

