

Here to support Safety Managers and Operational Teams

More than ever we know that time is always against you. Whether you are a safety manager, operational staff or perform another role in aviation, the Together4Safety team is by your side. If you are looking to understand what's changing in the regulatory framework and need help with implementation then our goal is to make that process as easy as we can. Likewise, as you work hard to identify and mitigate the safety risks in your operations, we are also here to provide as much supporting information as we can. .

Everything we do is designed to start industry-wide conversations on the most important safety topics. If there is something you need that we are not talking about, drop us an email to safetypromotion@easa.europa.eu. This means that we are covering these topics in detail

- **What is Together4Safety and how can you be part of it?**
- **The lessons from the summer about what "Being Ready" really means?**
- **How the next Conversation Aviation on "Staying Safe" can help you stay on top of safety through the autumn.**

You will also get quick updates on the following:

- **All the latest on EBT from the 2nd EASA Webinar held on 29 September.**
- **A reminder about Runway Condition Reporting.**
- **EASA Research Report on the Safe Transport of Lithium Batteries.**
- **New versions of some of the Easy Access Rules and new FDM Best Practice Guide.**
- **Autumn Events: Conversation Aviation, 3rd and 4th EBT Webinars, EASA Annual Safety Conference.**
- **Our acronym of the month is CFIT and we add a new song to our Safety Playlist?**

What is Together4Safety and how can you be part of it?



Together4Safety exists to provide useful information that engages people in positive conversations about safety so that the aviation community can comply with the necessary rules and pro-actively manage their risks to ensure safe and effective operations.

Through Together4Safety we want to engage the whole aviation community in positive conversations about safety. This starts between Regulators and the industry. Then, it's about how you create the right opportunities to talk about safety within your organisations and with the other organisations that you rely on to ensure safe operations. Make sure to also encourage discussion about safety within teams so they can talk about their operational challenges. Finally, it's important to talk to yourself as well, yes really - are you mentally and physically ready for whatever task you are doing?

You can get involved in Together4Safety by emailing us at safetypromotion@easa.europa.eu. Let us know how we can help and support you. If you are interested to work with us to develop some safety promotion material it would be great to hear from you.

What has the summer season taught us about what "Being Ready" really means?

We have just started the first 4-week cycle of Conversation Aviation - our new weekly videocast and podcast series. The theme for this first cycle is the "Being Ready" part of the Together4Safety [Ramp-up Campaign](#). This looks at these 3 key areas - these are questions that you can ask yourselves as an organisation to see how the Ramp-up is going at a practical level:

- Ensuring that you have the right tools, equipment and infrastructure in place.
- Having enough skilled, training and qualified people who are operationally ready and fit for duty.
- Putting your staff and their wellbeing at the heart of a people centred Ramp-up.

Of course these are easy enough to say but harder to do in practice. This is what the weekly conversations are designed to do. Provide you with some views from others in the industry on what they have learned over the summer season.

For the first 3 weeks of the cycle you will be able to watch, or listen to, a 30 minute discussion with 3 guests from different parts of the industry. They will talk about their operational challenges around a particular topic and offer some practical solutions designed to help people like you who find themselves in the same situation with lots of problems to solve and not enough time. Each episode will be launched at 1300 CEST (11:00 UTC) on a Friday and they will be followed by our online Friday chat from 1400 to 1500. In week 4 we will have a live session with 3 guests to summarise the cycle and have a longer discussion with questions and answers as well. For this first cycle, our live session will take place on 22 October.

Here is all the information you need to stay in touch with what's happening.

- Watch the videocast through our [Together4Safety Youtube](#) or the Air Ops Community Site.
- Subscribe to the podcast through [Spotify](#), [Anchor.FM](#) and [Google Podcasts](#).
- Join our Live Sessions (every 4th week) and the Friday afternoon chat (weeks 1 to 3) online from 1400 to 1500 - you can subscribe for reminders at the [Eventbrite link](#).
- Continue the discussion on the [Conversation Aviation LinkedIn Group](#).

The main purpose of the discussion is to share experiences about what we learned already from the summer season and how that can help us over the months ahead.

How the next Conversation Aviation on "Staying Safe" can help you stay on top of safety through the autumn.

On 25 October we will start the 2nd Conversation Aviation cycle on the "Staying Safe" part of the Ramp-up. We will have some great guests on the videocast/ podcast to share their experiences and thoughts on the 3 topics that make up this part of the campaign. There are some really interesting and important topics in this cycle so you'll get lots of useful information to help you through the autumn safely.

- Encouraging people to follow recognised processes, procedures and practices.
- Knowing your risks and mitigating them effectively as part of a resilient management system.
- Setting a culture of trust that encourages reporting and for people to talk openly about safety and wellbeing.

On the [Ramp-up Campaign pages of the Air Ops Community site](#) you can find specific domains areas that provides a summary of the main safety issues for each operational domain. You can also find the list of key actions for Air Traffic Controllers, Cabin Crew, Flight Crew, Ground Staff and Maintenance personnel. Take a look and use them in your safety conversations.

All the latest on Evidence-Based Training

On 29 September, EASA hosted the 2nd of 4 Webinars on Evidence-Based Training. This session was on the subject of grading systems. It started with an explanation of the regulatory framework from EASA's experts Francisco Arenas Alvarino and Ascanio Russo. Frank Steiner from Lufthansa and Ignacio Gallego from Iberia provided presentations about their experience. The last part of the webinar was a panel discussion and Q&A led by Frederik Mohrmann and Andy Mitchell from the Aircrew Training Policy Group (ATPG).

- View all the material and recordings from the first 2 webinars on the EBT page on the Community Site.
- [Register for the 3rd Webinar](#) on the Flight Crew Licencing aspects on 29 October.
- [Register for the 4th Webinar](#) on Malfunction Clustering on 7 December.



Runway Condition Reporting and Winter Ops

A reminder that the European Rules supporting the implementation of the Global Reporting Format for Runway Condition Reporting are now in force across Europe. On 10 March EASA held a workshop to support the implementation - you can watch the video from this event and download the presentations and Q&A on the [Runway Condition Reporting page on the Air Ops Community Site](#). You can also find some additional links on this [EASA Website News item](#). As we look towards winter operations it is worth also sharing the [Traficom Winter Ops Guide 2020](#) from the Finnish Authority. They will produce a 2021 update very soon and we will post this as soon as it's available.

Latest update on the project to reduce fire risks

Preventing on-board fires is one of the Key Risk Areas identified in the [EASA Annual Safety Review](#). There are a range of tasks on this topic in the [European Plan for Aviation Safety \(EPAS\)](#). One of these is the SABATAIR project that is evaluating specific packaging solutions and other operational measures aimed for the safe transportation of both lithium metal and lithium ion batteries on board commercial transport aircraft as cargo. The SABATAIR project is funded by the European Commission and managed by EASA.

A comprehensive risk assessment method has been developed to support operators in using the solutions and measures in their daily operations. You can access the intermediate report on fire tests performed using a chamber representative of an aircraft cargo compartment is provided for information on the [EASA web article](#).

Latest Easy Access Rules Published - don't miss them.....

In the past 2 weeks we have published two updates to the Easy Access Rules. The first was the rules on for Airworthiness and Environmental Certification. The second was the Drone Rules.

FDM of new safety issues arising from the COVID-19 pandemic

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic EASA has been updating its Safety Issues Report. These changing safety issues also impact your Flight Data Monitoring (FDM) programmes. We recently published the FDM analysis document that was presented at the FDM workshop of EASA SAFE360° – 2021. Access the Report to get more information on the following topics:

- What has been the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the FDM programmes?
- What do the new safety issues brought by the pandemic mean for FDM programmes?
- What is the foreseeable impact of a return to normal operations on FDM?

EASA has a great industry collaboration through the EOFDM group and the document was prepared in collaboration with these FDM experts from across the aviation industry.

Acronym of the Month: CFIT

This month's acronym of the month is CFIT, standing for Controlled Flight into Terrain. Of course, the acronym itself is very well known and thanks to terrain awareness and alerting systems like EGPWS the number of CFIT accidents have reduced considerably over the past 20-30 years. However, that doesn't mean the risk has gone away. It's worth thinking about how you handle this risk, particularly during approach where airfield works might change approach procedures that could impact approach profiles and create extra risk.

Upcoming Events - Click on the links to find out more

- 22 Oct: Conversation Aviation Live - Being Ready.
- 29 Oct: 3rd EBT Webinar.
- 4 Nov: Runway Safety Webinar (1000 to 1200 - Save the date, registration opens soon).
- 10 Nov: EASA Annual Safety Conference - ATM.
- 23 Nov: Apron Management Webinar (1000 to 1200 - Save the date as well, registration opens soon).

What's on your October playlist?

We finish in traditional style by completing the October edition of Air Ops News by adding another song to the Together4Safety Spotify Playlist. At this stage in the Ramp-up, the industry is still in a state of flux so now is not the time to go piste. Following recognised processes, procedures and practices is vital right now. With that in mind this month's song is "Break the Rules" by CharlieXCX. Check out the playlist on Spotify to keep you motivated this month.



With the aviation industry still in a state of flux, it is important to rely on recognised processes, procedures and practices.