

## Management Board Decision

**DECISION N° 07-2026**

**of 03 June 2026**

### **ADOPTING TRANSFER DECISION FOR A CONTINGENCY RESERVE FOR OUTSOURCING PROJECTS TO ALLOW FOR FULL BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION**

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AVIATION SAFETY AGENCY,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2018 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Union Aviation Safety Agency (“EASA Basic Regulation”), and in particular Article 62 thereof;<sup>1</sup>

Having regard to the Partnership Agreements between EASA and NCAs and in particular Annex 2a, 2b and 2c thereof.

Having regard to the accreditation of Qualified Entities and the related outsourcing program;

WHEREAS:

- (1) Article 62(2)(b)(c) of the EASA Basic Regulation empowers the Agency and the national competent authorities to perform oversight of holders of certificates and conduct the necessary investigations, inspections
- (2) Article 69 of the EASA Basic Regulation provides for the allocation of tasks related to certification and oversight to qualified entities
- (3) The current 2026 outsourcing budget (€26 million) will be fully implemented in accordance with the planning established by the technical sections and will be allocated through 3500 “times and material” contracts that do not allow for fully accurate budget commitments in advance
- (4) Alternative scenarios such as multi-annual commitments or conservative initial budget appropriation within incremental adjustments as needed have already been implemented in the past but were found ineffective and/or very labour intensive
- (5) The number of new applications in certain oversight domains (e.g. FSTD and CAO) is higher than expected
- (6) The travel expenses are continually rising (mainly due to higher airfares)
- (7) The final number of hours and associated costs for outsourcing projects is only known at the end of the year

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2018 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Union Aviation Safety Agency, and amending Regulations (EC) No 2111/2005, (EC) No 1008/2008, (EU) No 996/2010, (EU) No 376/2014 and Directives 2014/30/EU and 2014/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 552/2004 and (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (EEC) No 3922/91

(8) It is hereby proposed to add a contingency reserve to the existing outsourcing budget from the accumulated F&C reserve (Title 5) in order to ensure a smooth implementation of the outsourced work program supporting certification and organisation oversight tasks conducted by NCA .

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

The budget transfer decision for a contingency reserve for 2026 is granted, as laid down in the Annex and the explanatory note to this Management Board Decision.

Done in Cologne, 03 June 2026

Ana Vieira da Mata  
Chair of the Management Board



## Annex to Decision MB N° 07-2026

### TRANSFER DECISION FOR ADDITIONAL OUTSOURCING BUDGET FOR 2026

The financing of outsourcing of certification and oversight tasks to National Aviation Authorities and Qualified Entities in line with the EASA work program for 2026:

Affected budget lines:

- Sending budget line B2026-R0-EA-5000 - Accumulated Surplus on Fees and charges Activities
- Receiving budget line 3000 – Outsourcing of certification activities B2026-R0-RS-3000

Duration: to cover the current financial year 2026

Financial envelope: 3.5 M EUR (three million and five hundred thousand euro).

