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# **EASA Workshop on Pilots' age limits**

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# Identifying reliable data source



•Studies in  
the **pilot  
community**

•Studies in  
the **general  
population**

→ **Conclusions & recommendations?**

# Pilot career – a long term investment plan



**High cost of the initial training**

**Increasingly unpredictable prospects for the investment return**

# ICAO & national regulations



ICAO – maximum **age 65**

Further extended in some countries



# **Age limit increase is NO solution to pilot supply**

**Not durable**

Not adapted to **economic cycle**

**Change** to medical or safety regulation  
**cannot be commercially driven**



# What if: raising or no strict maximum age limit?

**Experience** from other countries (e.g. Australia)

Medical issues & checks  
Decreased **performance**

**Unpredictable career end**



# Conclusions

- Assessment of cognitive decline is a challenge
- Conservative approach is the most sensible

