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FAQs:

Safety and Situational Awareness , Automatic Dependent Surveillance — Light (ADS-L)

Question:

Will I need to coordinate with air traffic control to activate or deactivate ADS-L functionality?

Answer:

No, ADS-L is currently not recognized by ATM services in EASA countries, but it could be used without restriction in any airspace (controlled or uncontrolled) for enhancing pilot's situational awareness. There is ongoing research in ATM (ref. European Plan for Aviation Safety task RES.0032) which will identify cases where ADS-L could be beneficial for use in ATM. FIS, SAR and access to Transponder Mandatory or Radio Mandatory Zones are being considered. Results are expected by mid-2026.

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