

2025 EASA – FAA International Aviation Safety Conference

Aviate, Navigate, Communicate: The Path to Enhanced Safety
10-12 June 2025- Gürzenich, Cologne

Agenda

DAY 1, TUESDAY 10 JUNE 2025

ROOM: GROSSER SAAL

TIME TITLE, SPEAKER

As of 11:00	CHECK-IN AND REGISTRATION
13:00-13:05	OPENING
13:05-13:10	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER <i>Florian Guillermet, EASA Executive Director</i>
13:10-13:30	KEYNOTE SPEECH <i>Grazia Vittadini, Lufthansa Group Chief Technology Officer and Member of the Board</i>
13:30-14:15	FIRESIDE CHAT <i>Jodi Baker, FAA Deputy Associate Administrator for Aviation Safety</i> <i>Florian Guillermet, EASA Executive Director</i> <i>Moderated by: Mark Searle, IATA Global Director Safety</i>
14:15-14:20	INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER
14:20-14:40	KEYNOTE SPEECH – AN UPDATE ON AVIATION TOP SAFETY ISSUES <i>Michele Merkle, ICAO Director of the Air Navigation Bureau</i>
14:40-15:20	NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK
15:20-15:35	FAA HIGHLIGHTS & PRIORITIES <i>Jodi Baker, FAA Deputy Associate Administrator for Aviation Safety</i>
15:35-15:50	EASA HIGHLIGHTS & PRIORITIES <i>Florian Guillermet, EASA Executive Director</i>
15:50-16:55	PLENARY: AVIATE-NAVIGATE-COMMUNICATE – ARE WE SOLVING THE RIGHT PROBLEMS? The panel will explore the existing aviation landscape, asking key industry leaders whether we are focusing on the right current and future challenges. How do we make sure we are proactively assessing safety risks rather than being reactive? How do we concentrate on the ultimate goal of identifying and mitigating our risks rather than simply ticking the boxes on SMS implementation? Are we having the difficult conversations about safety culture, resource challenges and how to focus safety efforts? <i>Alessandro Fidato, SEA Milano Chief Operating Officer</i> <i>James Viola, GAMA President & CEO</i> <i>Yannick Assouad, THALES Avionics Executive Vice President</i> <i>Moderated by: Maria Rueda, EASA Safety Management, Sustainability and Global Outreach Director</i>
16:55-17:00	DAY 1 CLOSING
19:00	RECEPTION & DINNER <i>Deutsches Sport & Olympia Museum, Im Zollhafen 1, 50678 Köln</i> <i>Note: Please note that the evening event is for registered conference participants only. We ask for your understanding that we cannot accommodate additional guests.</i>

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DAY 2, WEDNESDAY 11 JUNE 2025

ROOMS: MARSILIUSSAAL

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09:00-09:15

FLASH TALK

Changed Product Rule: progress report of the International Authorities Working Group

Oswaldo Lopez, EASA Section Manager eVTOL

FLASH TALK

Update on Runway Safety

Tzvetomir Blajev, Flight Safety Foundation

09:20-10:20

WORKSHOP: SMS Implementation in Design & Manufacturing

Challenges and opportunities of SMS for Design & Manufacturing organisations; practical applications from both sides; implementation status from regulators; what we have gained from this.

Carmela Bosso, EASA Section Manager Design Organisations & Policy Issues

Paul Bernado, FAA Director (acting) Compliance and Airworthiness Division

Christophe Robin, DAHER Vice-President of Engineering

Dave Chapel, GE Aerospace Executive Chief Consulting Engineer SMS / Product Safety

Anna Marija Korosec, Pipistrel Safety Manager

PANEL: Efficient Approvals & Oversight

Leaders from Aviation Authorities will present how they address multilaterally common challenges, work on harmonization, and implement a roadmap towards more mutual recognition. They will listen to the audience on suggestions in this regard.

Jesper Rasmussen, EASA Director Flight Standards

Jackie Black, FAA Division Manager Aircraft Maintenance

Bruno Diniz Del Bel, ANAC Head of Department of Flight Standards

Linda Kovacic, TCCA Director of Standards

Moderated by: Joe Sambiasi, GAMA Director of Maintenance and Airworthiness

10:20-11:00

NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK

11:00-11:15

FLASH TALK

TSO-ETSO future frameworks

Gregory Lièvre, EASA Head of Department Design Organisations & ETSO

FLASH TALK

SMS coordination across domains, and integration with regulator's SRM

Chris Collins, DELTA AIR LINES Director Flight Safety

11:20-12:20

PANEL: Efficient Certification & Validation

Leaders from Aviation Authorities will present how they address multilaterally common challenges, work on harmonization, and implement a roadmap towards more acceptance of each other's system, that could help reduce any pain point affecting the industry. They will listen to the audience on suggestions in this regard.

Rachel Daeschler, EASA Certification Director

Caitlin Locke, FAA Executive Director Aircraft Certification Services

WORKSHOP: SMS implementation in Repair Stations

Challenges and opportunities of SMS for Repair Stations; practical applications from both sides; implementation status from regulators; what we have gained from it.

Karl Specht, EASA Principal Coordinator for Organisations Approval

Ric Peri, Aircraft Electronics Association (AEA) Vice-President Government and Industry Affairs

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	<p><i>Philippe Ngassam, TCCA Director of National Aircraft Certification</i></p> <p><i>Marco Aurélio Bonilauri Santin, ANAC Brazil Deputy Head of the Airworthiness Department</i></p> <p><i>Moderated by: Lirio Liu, Willow Aviation Advisors LLC Executive Director</i></p>	<p><i>Christian Klein, ARSA Executive Vice-President</i></p> <p><i>Hans-Dieter Reimann, MTU Maintenance Director Safety&Quality Management</i></p> <p><i>Moderated by: Jackie Black, FAA Division Manager Aircraft Maintenance</i></p>
12:20-13:45	LUNCH BREAK	
13:45-14:00	<p>FLASH TALK</p> <p>Smart cockpit technology as the next step in product safety</p> <p><i>Xavier Vergez, EASA Senior Regulations Officer Initial Airworthiness</i></p>	<p>FLASH TALK</p> <p>Foreign Repair Station Drug & Alcohol Testing Program</p> <p><i>Christian Klein, ARSA Executive Vice-President</i></p>
14:05-15:05	<p>PANEL: An Integrated Certification and Operations Approach</p> <p>Breaking down silos between product certification and operations is a priority for regulators, using integrated regulations, policies, processes and teams. Additionally, human factors assessments and evaluations within the certification and operation space have continued to advance. This panel will discuss outcomes of this work, areas of refinement, and the roadmap for future improvements.</p> <p><i>Colin Hancock, EASA Head of Department Policy, Innovation & Knowledge</i></p> <p><i>Paul Bernardo, FAA Director (acting) Compliance and Airworthiness Division</i></p> <p><i>Cindy Comer, WISK Vice-President SMS, Certification & Quality</i></p> <p><i>Pierre Lafraisse, DASSAULT AVIATION Head of Airworthiness</i></p>	<p>PANEL: Traceability of aviation parts</p> <p>Global responses to the threat of letting unapproved parts entering the system; systemic and cooperative changes across the global industry; Technology based solutions to support traceability of parts (even enlarging the topic to industry standards, maintenance/production perspective, use of AI, what can digitalisation do...).</p> <p><i>Dan Elgas, FAA Director Policy & Standards Division</i></p> <p><i>Jason Dickstein, Aviation Suppliers Association (ASA) Legal Counsel</i></p> <p><i>Olivier Secheresse, SAFRAN Aircraft Engines Director of Certification</i></p> <p><i>Jeffrey Lau, HAESL Head of Digital & Transformation</i></p> <p><i>Moderated by: Eugenia Diaz Alcazar, EASA Head of Production and Maintenance</i></p>
15:05-15:45	NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK	
15:45-16:00	<p>FLASH TALK</p> <p>Update on 5G Interference - Global spectrum management</p> <p><i>Ling Huei Foong, CAAS Director Flight Standards</i></p>	<p>FLASH TALK</p> <p>Does Practical Training in Aviation Physiology matter for Civilian Pilots?</p> <p><i>Dr Elena Cataman, CAA Moldova Chief Medical Officer and ESAM Executive Committee member</i></p>
16:05-17:05	<p>WORKSHOP: Electric/hybrid propulsion</p> <p>Where are we with development, certification, regulatory harmonisation of electric/hybrid propulsion? How do the EASA and FAA work</p>	<p>WORKSHOP: The central role of instructors in the rapidly-evolving crew training environment</p> <p>Innovative training methodologies (i.e., the use of VR technology), new generations of pilots and the use of AI are changing the landscape. Short</p>

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	<p>together on harmonization? What are SDOs doing in this field?</p> <p><i>Olivier Robelin, EASA Head of Department Environment & Propulsion Systems</i> <i>Dan Elgas, FAA Director Policy & Standards Division</i> <i>Rafaela Caillaux, BETA Senior Certification Manager</i> <i>Florent Nierlich, SAFRAN Electrical & Power Technology & Innovation Vice-President</i> <i>Antonio Tripoli, ATR Preliminary Design and R&T Expert</i></p>	<p>presentations followed by interaction with the audience.</p> <p><i>Francesco Gaetani, EASA Head of AirCrew & Med Dept & Chief Pilot</i> <i>Rob Reckert, FAA acting Deputy Director, Office of Safety Standards</i> <i>Robert Thomas, UNITED AIRLINES Vice President Flight Operations Planning & Development</i> <i>Fabrizio Peano, LEONARDO Helicopters Vice President Simulation & Training Services</i> <i>Veronica Zunic, SALIENT AERO Accountable Manager</i></p>
17:05-17:10	DAY 2 CLOSING	

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DAY 3, THURSDAY 12 JUNE 2025

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09:00-10:00

PANEL: Integration of New Technologies

PANEL: Data Sharing and Analysis

It is important for aviation to stay agile with innovation, especially when it brings safety enhancements. How do we balance the ability to encourage innovation and manage the safety risks associated with it? The panel will review the tools that the regulators can use, e.g. performance-based regulation associated with industry standards, net-safety-benefit policies, etc.

Alain Leroy, EASA Chief Engineer and Chief Safety Officer
Anna Von Groote, EUROCAE Director General
Scott Haskins, GARMIN Vice President aviation products engineering
Matthieu Pettes-Duler, BEYOND AERO Head of Powertrain
Moderated by: Dan Elgas, FAA Director Policy & Standards Division

This industry panel, moderated by the regulators, will discuss 2 key problematics of data sharing and analysis: how data can be shared in a trustful environment (data protection); what are the main opportunities brought by AI for data analysis.

Chris Collins, DELTA AIR LINES Director Flight Safety
Tanja Harter, ECA President
Yannick Malinge, AIRBUS Senior Vice-President, Head of Aviation Safety
Moderated by: Leopold Viroles, EASA Data4Safety program manager

10:05-11:05

WORKSHOP: Artificial Intelligence

PANEL: GNSS interference – how to deal with it now and in the future?

Presenters from Industry will showcase how they use or envisage using AI to enhance product safety, or to boost efficiency for conformity/compliance checking. Regulators will share their views on how we can introduce AI safely in our aviation system.

Guillaume Soudain, EASA AI program manager
Christian Müller, NGFT Solutions Chairman / CIO
Dmitrii Kirov, Collins Aerospace Principal Research Engineer
Martin Ricklin, Lufthansa Group Digitalization & Application Strategy Senior Manager

Ensuring containment while preparing for resilience. How the aviation system is managing to prevent serious incident and accident caused by GNSS interferences. Preparing contingency plans to ensure future resilience.

Rob Reckert, FAA acting Deputy Director, Office of Safety Standards
Juho Sinkkonen, FINNAIR Vice-President Flight Operations
Steve Jangelis, ALPA Aviation Safety Chair
Ben Linder, BOEING Vice-President & B777 Chief Project Engineer
Moderated by: Gian Andrea Bandieri, EASA Section Manager Cybersecurity in Aviation and Conflict Zones

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11:05-11:35	NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK	
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11:35-11:50	WRAP-UP SESSION – SUMMARY OF THE CONFERENCE <i>Ludovic Aron, EASA Representative to the U.S.A.</i>	
11:50-12:50	<p>CLOSING PLENARY PANEL: <i>Aviate-Navigate-Communicate – What is the path to enhanced safety?</i> Over the course of the conference, we have explored the aviation landscape and discussed some of the key challenges from practical SMS implementation, efficient processes, new technologies, training techniques and the role people in ensuring safety of day-to-day operations while coping with emerging risks. What does everything we have learned in these exchanges actually mean for how our industry looks to the future. What actions must we take now as authorities to ensure continued improvements in safety?</p> <p><i>Florian Guillermet, EASA Executive Director</i> <i>Jodi Baker, FAA Deputy Associate Administrator for Aviation Safety</i> <i>Felix Meunier, TCCA Director General, Civil Aviation</i> <i>Christine Berg, European Commission, Directorate General Mobility and Transport, Head of Unit Aviation Safety</i> <i>Emile N. Arao, DG of Kenya CAA</i> <i>Moderated by: Vincent De Vroey, ASD Civil Aviation President</i></p>	
12:50-12:55	CLOSING REMARKS <i>EASA Executive Director</i>	
12:55-13:00	NEXT CONFERENCE <i>FAA Associate Administrator for Aviation Safety</i>	