

# 2025 EASA – FAA International Aviation Safety Conference

*Aviate, Navigate, Communicate: The Path to Enhanced Safety*

**10-12 June 2025**  
*Conference venue: Gürzenich, Cologne*

## Agenda

### DAY 1, TUESDAY 10 JUNE 2025

**ROOM: GROSSER SAAL**

**TIME TITLE, SPEAKER**

As of 11:00	<b>CHECK-IN AND REGISTRATION</b>
13:00-13:05	<b>OPENING</b>
13:05-13:10	<b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER</b> <i>Florian Guillermet, EASA Executive Director</i>
13:10-13:30	<b>KEYNOTE SPEECH</b> <i>Maria Grazia Vittadini, Lufthansa Group Chief Technology Officer and Member of the Board</i>
13:30-14:15	<b>FIRESIDE CHAT</b> <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	<b>INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER</b>
14:20-14:40	<b>KEYNOTE SPEECH – AN UPDATE ON AVIATION TOP SAFETY ISSUES</b> <i>Michele Merkle, ICAO Director of the Air Navigation Bureau</i>
14:40-15:20	<b>NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK</b>
15:20-15:35	<b>FAA HIGHLIGHTS &amp; PRIORITIES</b> <i>Jodi Baker, FAA Deputy Associate Administrator for Aviation Safety</i>
15:35-15:50	<b>EASA HIGHLIGHTS &amp; PRIORITIES</b> <i>Florian Guillermet, EASA Executive Director</i>
15:50-16:55	<b>PLENARY: AVIATE-NAVIGATE-COMMUNICATE – ARE WE SOLVING THE RIGHT PROBLEMS?</b> 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>Di Reimold, AIA Vice President for Civil Aviation</i> <i>James Viola, GAMA President &amp; 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	<b>DAY 1 CLOSING</b>
19:00	<b>RECEPTION &amp; DINNER</b> <i>Deutsches Sport &amp; Olympia Museum, Im Zollhafen 1, 50678 Köln</i>

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**DAY 2, WEDNESDAY 11 JUNE 2025**

**ROOMS: MARSILIUSSAAL**

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09:00-09:15	<p><b>FLASH TALK</b> Changed Product Rule: progress report of the International Authorities Working Group <i>Oswaldo Lopez, EASA Section Manager eVTOL</i></p>	<p><b>FLASH TALK</b> Update on Runway Safety <i>Tzvetomir Blajev, Flight Safety Foundation</i></p>
09:20-10:20	<p><b>WORKSHOP: SMS Implementation in Design &amp; Manufacturing</b> Challenges and opportunities of SMS for Design &amp; Manufacturing organisations; practical applications from both sides; implementation status from regulators; what we have gained from this. <i>Carmela Bosso, EASA Section Manager Design Organisations &amp; Policy Issues</i> <i>Paul Bernado, FAA Director Compliance and Airworthiness Division</i> <i>Dave Chapel, GE Aerospace Executive Chief Consulting Engineer SMS / Product Safety</i> <i>Anna Marija Korosec, Pipistrel Safety Manager</i></p>	<p><b>PANEL: Efficient Approvals &amp; Oversight</b> 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. <i>Jesper Rasmussen, EASA Director Flight Standards</i> <i>Jackie Black, FAA Division Manager Aircraft Maintenance</i> <i>Bruno Diniz Del Bel, ANAC Head of Department of Flight Standards</i> <i>Linda Kovacic, TCCA Director of Standards</i> <i>Moderated by: Joe Sambiasi, GAMA Director of Maintenance and Airworthiness</i></p>
10:20-11:00	<p><b>NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK</b></p>	
11:00-11:15	<p><b>FLASH TALK</b> TSO-ETSO future frameworks <i>Gregory Lièvre, EASA Head of Department Design Organisations &amp; ETSO</i></p>	<p><b>FLASH TALK</b> SMS coordination across domains, and integration with regulator's SRM <i>Chris Collins, DELTA AIR LINES Director Flight Safety</i></p>
11:20-12:20	<p><b>PANEL: Efficient Certification &amp; Validation</b> 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. <i>Rachel Daeschler, EASA Certification Director</i> <i>Caitlin Locke, FAA Executive Director Aircraft Certification Services</i></p>	<p><b>WORKSHOP: SMS implementation in Repair Stations</b> Challenges and opportunities of SMS for Repair Stations; practical applications from both sides; implementation status from regulators; what we have gained from it. <i>Karl Specht, EASA Principal Coordinator for Organisations Approval</i> <i>Ric Peri, Aircraft Electronics Association (AEA) Vice-President Government and Industry Affairs</i></p>

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	<p><i>Philippe Ngassam, TCCA Director of National Aircraft Certification</i></p> <p><i>Roberto Honorato, ANAC Brazil President Director (Acting) and Head of the Airworthiness</i></p> <p><i>Moderated by: Lirio Liu, Willow Aviation Advisors LLC Executive Director</i></p>	<p><i>Hans-Dieter Reimann, MTU Maintenance Director Safety&amp;Quality Management</i></p> <p><i>Moderated by: Jackie Black, FAA Division Manager Aircraft Maintenance</i></p>
12:20-13:45	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	
13:45-14:00	<p><b>FLASH TALK</b></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><b>FLASH TALK</b></p> <p>Foreign Repair Station Drug &amp; Alcohol Testing Program</p> <p><i>Christian Klein, ARSA Executive Vice-President</i></p>
14:05-15:05	<p><b>PANEL: An Integrated Certification and Operations Approach</b></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 &amp; Knowledge</i></p> <p><i>Paul Bernado, FAA Director Compliance and Airworthiness Division</i></p> <p><i>Cindy Comer, WISK Vice-President SMS, Certification &amp; Quality</i></p> <p><i>Pierre Lafraise, DASSAULT AVIATION Head of Airworthiness</i></p>	<p><b>PANEL: Traceability of aviation parts</b></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 &amp; 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 &amp; Transformation</i></p> <p><i>Moderated by: Eugenia Diaz Alcazar, EASA Head of Production and Maintenance</i></p>
15:05-15:45	<b>NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK</b>	
15:45-16:00	<p><b>FLASH TALK</b></p> <p>Update on 5G Interference - Global spectrum management</p> <p><i>Ling Hwei Foong, CAAS Director Flight Standards</i></p>	<p><b>FLASH TALK</b></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><b>WORKSHOP: Electric/hybrid propulsion</b></p> <p>Where are we with development, certification, regulatory harmonisation of electric/hybrid propulsion? How do the EASA and FAA work</p>	<p><b>WORKSHOP: The central role of instructors in the rapidly-evolving crew training environment</b></p> <p>Innovative training methodologies (i.e., the use of VR technology), new generations of pilots and the</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 &amp; Propulsion Systems</i>  <i>Dan Elgas, FAA Director Policy &amp; Standards Division</i>  <i>Rafaela Caillaux, BETA Senior Certification Manager</i>  <i>Florent Nierlich, SAFRAN Electrical &amp; Power Technology &amp; Innovation Vice-President</i></p>	<p>use of AI are changing the landscape. Short presentations followed by interaction with the audience.</p> <p><i>Francesco Gaetani, EASA Head of AirCrew &amp; Med Dept &amp; 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 &amp; Development</i>  <i>Fabrizio Peano, LEONARDO Helicopters Vice President Simulation &amp; Training Services</i></p>
17:05-17:10	<b>DAY 2 CLOSING</b>	

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**DAY 3, THURSDAY 12 JUNE 2025**

**ROOMS: MARSILIUSSAAL**

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**TIME**

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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 Vanhecke, AIRBUS Head of accident/incident investigation and prevention*  
*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, NGTF CEO*  
*Dmitrii Kirovr, 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	<b>NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK</b>	
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11:35-12:35	<p><b>CLOSING PLENARY PANEL: <i>Aviate-Navigate-Communicate – What is the path to enhanced safety?</i></b>            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?  <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, Director General of Kenya CAA</i>  <i>Moderated by: Vincent De Vroey, ASD Civil Aviation President</i></p>	
12:35-12:50	<b>WRAP-UP SESSION – SUMMARY OF THE CONFERENCE</b>	
12:50-12:55	<p><b>CLOSING REMARKS</b>  <i>EASA Executive Director</i></p>	
12:55-13:00	<p><b>NEXT CONFERENCE</b>  <i>FAA Associate Administrator for Aviation Safety</i></p>	