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Involvement of the industry in non- rulemaking groups



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Background of industry involvement in rulemaking groups

- The EASA is using the SSCC where industry representation is based upon trade associations to appoint Industry's experts.
- The EASA appointment letter requires the experts from companies to liaise with the other affected parties.
- The protocol is in place in the sake of efficiency by making sure the relevant industry's sector is duly represented in these groups.

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❑ Role of the trade associations

- Trade associations are providing to the experts from their members the network for ensuring the required coordination with the other experts not directly involved in the rulemaking groups for whatever reason.
- Trade associations like the ASD are there to make sure there is the proper awareness in the community and to contribute directly or indirectly to those groups' activities.
- As an example, the ASD fulfill that mission by means
 - of periodic meetings at the management level,
 - of ad'hoc meetings with relevant experts,
 - of collaborative tools to share the information with experts not directly involved in the groups.

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❑ Background for non-rulemaking groups

- Outside the rulemaking plan, groups with representatives from the industry are used by the Agency to address industry wide topics.
- For some groups, the required **transparency** and **representativeness** was ensured by following the previously mentioned protocol that allows the trade associations to play their role.
- For some other groups, the EASA has involved industry's experts from companies who were selected "by proximity".
- The representativeness of these experts can be questioned,
 - because the trade associations were not involved,
 - and because the involvement of these experts is not subject to terms of reference that includes an obligation to liaise with the experts from other companies..

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As a conclusion

- The Agency has to recognize that coordination within the sectors of industry is not a given and requires specific attention.
- It is a mission of the trade associations to ensure that the managers are aware, to coordinate about the groups' charter and to identify which experts from which companies will directly contribute to the group and have the duty to liaise with the other experts that cannot directly contribute to the group for whatever reason.
- Keywords are awareness, transparency, representativeness.
- In the sake of efficiency of these groups, the Agency management has to make sure this protocol is followed not only as today for the rulemaking tasks but also for all the other groups.