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Newsletter #1

The Member States of the **European Union** have decided to link together their know-how, resources and destinies. Together, they have built a zone of stability, democracy and sustainable development whilst maintain cultural diversity, tolerance and individual freedoms. The European Union is committed to sharing its achievements and its values with countries and peoples beyond its borders.

<http://europa.eu>

The **European Union Aviation Safety Agency** (EASA) is the centrepiece of the European Union's strategy for aviation safety. EASA's mission is to promote and achieve the highest common standards of safety and environmental protection in civil aviation. Based in Cologne, the Agency currently employs more than 800 experts and administrators from all over Europe.

<https://www.easa.europa.eu>

After an inception phase of a few months early 2019, the EU-Africa Safety in Aviation project funded by the European Union (EU) entered into the implementation phase. Unfortunately not even a year into implementation, the COVID-19 pandemic has hit us all and has brought the project almost to a complete stop in terms of activities delivered.

This first newsletter was supposed to provide you with an update on the activities carried out so far. You will still find this information in the following pages. However, the current sanitary crisis that we are going through also calls for a different type of cooperation. The sharing of information and of best practices under such pandemic can also be highly useful. We would like to provide you some information about what is being done at the EU level.

The impact of this crisis on the aviation industry is enormous. We only see the tip of the iceberg for the time being. The consequences are not only restricted to the regions where the disease has hit the most. The aviation industry in Africa is also facing the same problem. There are many questions on different subjects for which we don't necessarily have an answer.

However, EASA would like to share with you its view on the situation and the measures it is taking. A specific webpage has been dedicated to this subject. You will find all the information at the following address:

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/the-agency/coronavirus-covid-19>.



Should you be interested in further details or in case you have any questions regarding this sanitary situation and how we deal with it on the EU side, please do not hesitate to contact the project team (see below contact details) who will try to provide you with an answer. Bear in mind however that the EASA COVID-19 team is currently faced with a high workload and we might not receive the answer you are looking for immediately.

During this sanitary crisis, let's pursue cooperation through information sharing.



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Inception Phase

During the inception phase (Feb-May 2019), several partners were visited to present the project and to exchange on the various support activities. The underlying goal was to limit the risk of possible duplication and to best coordinate the mutual efforts taking place in the different regions. During this phase, the aim was also to collect information, identify the needs of the stakeholders and to develop the work plan for the coming years.



A dedicated meeting with all Regional Organisations took place to discuss in detail the proposed work plan. Their input was crucial to shape the project activities, as they are the main beneficiaries. A mutual understanding is important for the next phase of delivering the support activities. A special thanks to all partners involved, namely the ICAO regional offices WACAF and ESAF, AFCAC, ASECNA, JPO, the African Union Commission and last but not least the Regional Organisations.

1st Project Steering Committee (PSC) meeting

On 18 September 2019, the 1st Project Steering Committee (PSC) meeting took place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. During its first meeting the proposed work plan was approved.

The PSC is co-chaired by the African Union Commission and the European Commission. It is composed of the African Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and AFCAC; as well as the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) regional offices (Western and Central Africa and Eastern and Southern Africa), RSOOs, RAIO and ASECNA. The PSC is to provide policy and strategic advice for the implementation of the Action and to monitor activities to ensure progression towards the achievement of the specific objective and expected results.



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Project activities 2019 and 2020

AFCAC

AFI-CIS Programme

The project, aiming at promoting and supporting AFCAC's AFI-CIS programme, could support two AFI-CIS missions, one to Comoros and one to Sierra Leone.

BAGASOO

Technical Committee Meeting

Support was provided to BAGASOO in organising the 4th Meeting of their Regulatory Technical Committee in Sierra Leone, 4-8 November 2019.

CASSOA

Quality Management System

To help and guide CASSOA during the ISO 9001 certification, an expert was sent to CASSOA. Three missions could be conducted before the COVID-19 crisis began.

AAMAC

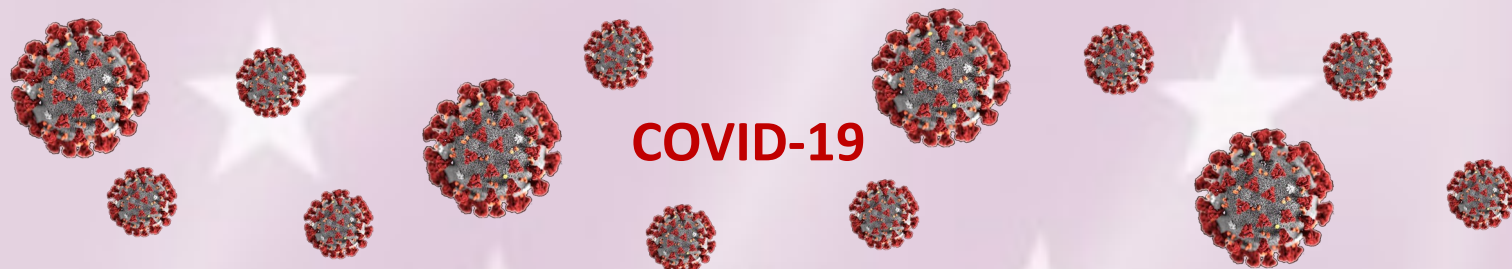
Legal Support

Following the legal support provided by EASA to AAMAC concerning the treaty creating the organisation and the concerns raised about the overlapping mandates and membership between AAMAC, ACSAC and ASSA-AC, an expert was sent to the Management Board meeting to present possible options of the appropriate legal instrument to correct the overlapping issue.

RSOO

Cooperative Platform

The project encourages all RSOOs to participate to the RSOO Cooperative Platform which was established in December 2017 and is managed by ICAO. It gathers formally established RSOOs, COSCAPs and other forms of regional cooperation in safety oversight. The project offered to facilitate the participation for the last face-to-face meeting in October 2019.



Activities on hold due to the pandemic

BAGAIA and iASO

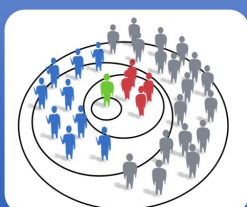
Like other activities planned for all regional organisations, the first support activities for BAGAIA and iASO had to be put on hold due to the COVID-19 crisis.

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Future activities

Depending further developments of the CoVid-19 pandemic



Organisational assistance

- Object: Quality management system, legal support
- Beneficiaries: AAMAC, BAGAIA, BAGASOO and CASSOA



Bilateral assistance to:

- Gabon
- Nigeria
- Sao Tome and Principe



Induction workshops

- BAGASOO Inspector Scheme
- iSASO NSI programme



Technical committee meetings

- Object: Support harmonisation of regulations
- Beneficiaries: BAGAIA, BAGASOO, CASSOA, iSASO



Trainings

- Resolution of safety concerns
- Examination techniques
- Operations specifications



AFCAC AFI-CIS

- Support to induction workshops
- Support to AFI-CIS missions