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It's summer and it's time to go flying!

Welcome to the June/July 2024 issue of the Europe Air Sports Newsletter! We hope that you will all be busy flying, so this is just a brief update of some important current issues, to keep you in touch. Our hard-working Board members and technical advisers are as always busy with current threats and challenges and we will report on their work in more detail later. Abbreviations and their explanations are shown in full and in green, so that you can quickly find the full meaning.

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AERO FRIEDRICHSHAFEN

As reported in the April issue, the Europe Air Sports team had a successful visit to the AERO exhibition and they have similar plans for next year. More news nearer the time.

EUROPE AIR SPORTS 2024 TECHNICAL CONFERENCE AND 2025 GENERAL CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – *dates for your diaries*

The 2024 Technical Conference is planned for 15 to 17 November in Speyer, close to Frankfurt.

We are pleased to report that Norway has offered to host the 2025 General Conference and Annual General Meeting on 14 to 16 March. Details of the exact location will follow.

MICHEL ROCCA CALLS FOR CEF 2024 CANDIDATES



Last May, our Secretary General informed all our Members - National Aero Clubs and European Federations or Unions - on the new call for proposals that will be launched after the summer by the European Commission, under the name of CEF Call 2024. (CEF is the Connecting Europe Facility, the budgetary vehicle designed for supporting EU programmes. For further details, see page 5 of the December 2022 newsletter.)

This year, the process is improved, since the GA targeted audience is being briefed before the launch of the call for proposals. And the scope is extended to ADS-L devices, that is to say to ADS-B Light devices, by reference to the Technical Specification for ADS-L transmissions published on 20 December 2022 by the EASA.

One objective pursued by the Agency is to allow the production of low-cost devices for making manned aircraft in U-space conspicuous to USSPs (U-Space Service Providers).

The second objective is to contribute to ensuring situational awareness of neighbouring traffic in uncontrolled airspace.

I am aware that no reply or question has been received so far to our above-mentioned message in May. Nevertheless, I invite a handful of local flying clubs which are thinking about buying and installing ADS-B or ADS-L devices early next year, to join the consortium that my own flying club will join, with big players such as airlines and ATC providers.

In summary, if you know a local flying club or a small ATO intending or willing to purchase new ADS-B equipment or to retrofit part of their fleet, I invite you to contact me at aviation.rocca@gmail.com during the summer break.

EUROPE AIR SPORTS MEMBERS

We are pleased to report that new members have joined this important organisation in the last year. Eighteen European nations are now members, as well as seven air sports organisations. The complete list is

Air Sports Organisations:

European Gliding Union (EGU)



European Hang Gliding and Paragliding Union (EHPU)

European Microlight Federation (EMF)





European Model Flying Union (EMFU)

European Powered Flying Union (EPFU)



PPL/IR Europe

European Federation of Light Experimental and Vintage Aircraft (EFLEVA)



National Aero Clubs

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|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Austria | Belgium | Cyprus |
| Denmark | Finland | France |
| Germany | Greece | Hungary |
| Italy | Luxemburg | Macedonia |
| Netherlands | Norway | Spain |
| Sweden | Switzerland | United Kingdom |

EUROPE AIR SPORTS WEBSITE – *Diana King reports*

A small team has been working for some months to create a fresh and up to date website. This work is now close to completion and the new site will be launched soon. We hope that you will find the new presentation and provision of information useful and attractive. The url remains unchanged at europe-air-sports.org

We would be pleased to see any comments and suggestions once the new site goes live.

FROM THE PROGRAMME MANAGER'S DESK - *Nils Rostedt reports on news about new and ongoing rulemaking activities by EASA and EU*



A brief summary of recent EASA consultations (NPAs) of interest to EAS members, as well as some other topics that have passed the Programme Manager's desk recently.

Abbreviations for this report:

AMC&GM Acceptable means of compliance and Guidance Material

NPA Notice of Proposed Amendment

FCL Flight Crew Licensing

OPS Flight Operations rules

SERA Standardised European Rules of the Air

eVTOL Electric Vertical Take Off and Landing aircraft

VCA VTOL-capable aircraft

FDM Flight Data Monitoring

NCO Non-Commercial Operations

CS-ETSO Certification Specifications for European Technical Standards Orders

1. EASA consultations for new rulemaking proposals (NPAs)

➤ *NPA 2024-01*

Proposed AMC&GM for updated FCL, OPS and SERA rules applicable for new eVTOL (VCA) aircraft

EAS submitted comments to this consultation (deadline was 6 May).

➤ *NPA 2024-02*

Regular update of the air operations rules — Enhanced implementation of FDM programmes and miscellaneous amendments. The NPA also includes amendments to the requirements on the use of checklists in NCO operations.

Work on EAS comment in progress, deadline 24 June.

➤ *NPA 2024-03*

Regular update of CS-ETSO

Work on EAS comment in progress, deadline 3 July.

➤ *NPA 2024-04*

Regular update of Commission Regulation (EU) No 748/2012. (the Initial Airworthiness Regulation)

Work on EAS comment initiated, deadline 30 July.

2. **New EASA rulemaking deliverables of interest**

EASA published Opinion No 04/2024 - New air mobility | Gyroplanes on 19 June 2024. The New Air Mobility part is about electrical propulsion. It should help pave the way for the certification of electrically powered (and also hydrogen-powered) aircraft. It is the follow-up to NPA 2021-15.

The Gyroplanes part concerns flight crew licensing for private pilot licences and non-commercial gyroplane operations conducted in visual flight rules by day and by night, with gyroplanes above 600 kg.

The Opinion now goes to the Commission's comitology process and the expected outcome is an amendment of the Basic Regulation and the Flight Crew regulation within 2025.

3. **Other**

Board members portfolios table

An update of the board members' respective "work areas" after the elections of the last General Meeting in Windermere has been prepared.

EASA SAB research projects prioritisation agenda

At the request of Michel Rocca, we prepared a response to an EASA questionnaire regarding the prioritisation of various EASA research projects.

Visiting EPFU General Conference 26-27 April 2024

I visited the General Conference of the European Powered Flying Association in Mulhouse, France and held a presentation on current EAS topics such as the unleaded fuel issue and the latest initiative on Medicals.

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