

ECOGAS Notes 20th Oct 2022

Attendees:

Apologies: Alex Segens

Francoise Horiot

Anais Bensai

Marcel Gisel

Kurt Dahlmann

Dan Banja

Balz Albertin

Marc Bailey

Agenda

1. Review our B2 licensing V2 document to agree content and what course of action we should follow.
2. Cover any EASA meeting updates
3. Discuss populating the ECOGAS website
 - a. Finalise the about section BIO's and pictures
 - b. What additional material do we have to keep on the website to meet our objective
 - c. Maintaining the website once established, minutes, notes, meeting dates etc.
4. What current issues are our members facing as our sector starts to recover
5. AOB
6. Next meeting 2022 virtual 23rd November 1300 GMT

Notes

1. We reviewed the latest document from Anais which focuses on our B2 objectives. We acknowledge the input from Marcel related to a similar issue faced by B1 licenced staff, but we will treat that as phase 2 of our work once we have success with our initial approach.

Francoise has approached EASA and submitted our proposal to the new lead on the subject.

We agreed to each take our new paper to individual NAA's both to pursue option 1 for a short-term solution in country and to canvass their support for the second part in terms of systems ratings when those NAA's are approached by EASA. **Action all by year end.**

2. There was no meeting update as nothing has taken place. Kurt confirmed that EM TEC would be meeting on the 1st of December and on the day before 30th of November a meeting on B2 was scheduled involving the same group of people.
3. There are still some gaps on the about page on our website can everyone please provide their picture and bio to Marc so he can get these uploaded. **Action by the end of Oct 2022.**

We agreed that we will create the website to show what EASA meetings there are and who our representatives are on behalf of the ECOGAS membership. For each of our active meetings we will create a drop down so we can retain meeting minutes and information under those tabs. The content of those tabs will be such that it can be shared with anyone visiting our website, so no private comments or notes will be included.

The objective of our website as previously agreed is to show the participants and our basic activities to the external world members and EASA. We are not seeking to use our website as a marketing tool.

Marcel informed about a B2 meeting on the 30th of November and the EM.TEC meeting 1st of December.

Dan had by mail informed about the CAS.COM meeting 3rd of November and the Combined GA TeB and GA COM meetings 5th and 6th of December. AFTER NOTE: The CAS.COM has been postponed to beginning of 2023.

Once all the above elements have been completed then the website will be handed over to ECOGAS the association purely to maintain dates, notes in meeting tabs, or changes in board members. There should be little if any maintenance activity required. **Action: Marc will see the above work completed and handed over by Jan 2023.**

Marc will endeavour to communicate with James again, but in the interim remove him from our board members page rather than have a blank.

4. We discussed the things that we are currently facing around Europe and the constant concern is our shortage of skilled staff, this was the same in all countries attending the meeting. Francoise briefed us on an interesting development taking place between FAA and the EU where they are looking for a bi-lateral agreement to utilise what is thought to be 1000 Airman in the EU that with appropriate training and competency checks could be allowed to hold EASA licences and ratings. *Note: We already have this for pilots.*

5. AOB Anaïs raised the concern that the impending requirement for Part IS (cyber security) is coming to Part 145, Part 21 and Part M organisations by 2025. This is linked to SMS requirements. Anaïs will try to participate physically in the GA meetings to raise these concerns. Marc suggests that we all take the opportunity to repeat this to our National regulators and at any EASA meetings where we can table the issue.

Our concern is that this requirement is being rolled out to all organisations in the same way, whether they are a scheduled operator, or a small Part 145. We absolutely need proportionality to be applied and perhaps we need a light version of the requirement for SME's and Micro's.

Anais also highlighted that several of the ECOGAS team had possibly mislead their invoices for ECOGAS fees and offered to resend those to the membership. If we could ensure these are paid before our next meeting on the 23rd of November at the latest.

When we mentioned fees the topic of SAMA was raised and shared with the whole team. SAMA had expressed that they had been instructed by their board to withdraw from ECOGAS because they were unable to contribute to the work. A suggestion was made by Françoise that we could consider SAMA retaining their membership even if the formal arm of SAMA was unable to contribute. Balz was asked to consider this option. We also agreed unanimously to retain Marcel as an active part of ECOGAS. Marcel is fortunately able to fund his activities directly, for which the ECOGAS team are extremely grateful.

6. The next meeting was confirmed as virtual on the 23rd of November 1300 GMT

Action: Marc to arrange