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2023 Work Programme of Advisory Bodies (ABs)

1 – Introduction

The objective of the ABs Work Programme is to support the steering role of the MAB (and SAB) with regards to the discussions at the level of the technical bodies, while also ensuring transparency and facilitating coordination, reporting and synergies. It outlines a series of topics proposed by EASA as most relevant to be discussed with the ABs in the different areas, towards a commonly agreed Work Programme, consistent with the European Plan for Aviation Safety (EPAS) and EASA’s Single Programming Document (SPD).

Given the SAB’s planned transition into a new structure in 2023, it was agreed with the SAB that this exercise will be put on hold on the industry side until the SAB new structure is in place. Therefore this paper does not include topics exclusively for discussion with industry bodies. Nevertheless, where topics are of common interest for Member States and Industry, this is highlighted for the information of the MAB.

Finally, this draft Work Programme aims to provide a high-level overview of main topics and priorities. Naturally, in the course of the year, more detailed discussions as well as further topics or new priorities may need to be tackled by the ABs outside of the contents of this Paper, and the Work Programme can be adapted if so required.

2 – 2023 Topics discussed at MAB level

The below technical areas do not include some strategic, high-level or transversal topics or aspects thereof, that are discussed at the level of the MAB. An overview for 2023 is provided below:

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Topic to be discussed	EPAS action (if applicable)	Member States /Both	Timeline
Strategic priorities as identified in EPAS and SPD and discussions with Member States during the year, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • key regulatory developments in 2023 (such as Part IS implementation, ATM with focus on conformity assessment and ground equipment, etc), • key matters and milestones of the EASA Sustainable Aviation Programme, • progresses of the Data4Safety programme and MS involvement, • interdependencies between safety and security, • progress on the repository of information, • Higher Airspace Operations, • research and innovation activities (in coordination with MAB Research Group), • transversal aspects of the digitalisation of aviation. 	In line with Volumes I and II	Both	Continuous

3 – 2023 Topics structured by technical area / TeB

Safety Management

Topic to be discussed	EPAS action (if applicable)	Member States /Both	Timeline
State Safety Programme (SSP) and Safety Management System (SMS) implementation: * SMS implementation to Part-21 and Part-145 * monitoring and extension of SYS 2.0 to the EU Member States, including ‘just culture’ aspects.	RMT.0251 MST.0001 MST.0028 SPT.0057	Both	Continuous

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Information exchange with the Network of Analysts; supporting the implementation of Regulation (EU) 376/2014 and its accompanying rules (e.g. ERCS); safety data collection and processing systems (SDCPS) and safety intelligence: * monitoring developments at ICAO level and implementation at EU level; * defining the vision for integrated risks management; * supporting the implementation of a coordination mechanism for safety intelligence.	RMT.0681 MST.0040	MS	Continuous
Follow-up on Member States’ tasks (MST) implementation: * measurement of effective SMS implementation by the Industry and SMS oversight by the Competent Authority, * maintaining the EASA Management System Assessment Tool with the support of an SM TeB Working Group, * supporting the implementation of a Human Factors competency framework for NCA staff, * assessing the safety management system implementation for organisations.	MST.0002 MST.0026 MST.0032 MST.0037 MST.0042 SPT.0115	MS	Continuous

Aircrew & Medical

Topic to be discussed	EPAS action (if applicable)	Member States /Both	Timeline
Cruise relief co-pilot; regular update of Aircrew Regulation; Simpler, lighter and better FCL rules for General Aviation: Focused re-consultation of elements of these RMTs prior to Opinion publication (planned for 2023/Q2)	RMTs 0190/0587/0678	Both	Q1
NPA on CPL Learning Objective review; Review of Part-FCL Subpart J - instructor certificates (RMT.0194 Subtask 1) - publication planned for 2023/Q4	RMT.0194	Both	Q4
Update of FSTD: focused consultation	RMT.0196	Both	Q2

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Standardisation of Examiners - Flight Examiner Manual (FEM) extension to helicopters (extension of the FEM for aeroplanes which was published in 2021)	SPT.0111	Both	Q1
NPA on Electronic personnel licence - publication planned for 2023/Q4	RMT.0737	Both	Q4
Common implementation of integrated training courses (CPL/ ATPL) and possible use of Virtual Reality/Augmented Reality (VR/AR)		Both	Q2-Q3

Air Operations

Topic to be discussed	EPAS action (if applicable)	Member States /Both	Timeline
Opinion on a regulatory framework for the operation of drones and VTOL capable aircraft (manned and unmanned) linked to NPA 2022-06	RMT.0230	Both	Q2
RMT.0492 – NPA on night and disruptive duties - consultation and updates	RMT.0492	Both	Q1-Q2
New air mobility – Gyroplanes - Information session before the Opinion is published	RMT.0731	Both	Q3
Approval for wet-lease of EU registered aircraft		MS	Q2
Updates on regulatory developments, as well as ICAO developments		Both	Continuous
Feedback on AIR OPS standardisation activities (e.g. Continuous Monitoring Bulletin Air Operations, Standardisation Annual Report, Standardisation focus items)		MS	Q2-Q4
Feedback on RAMP Coordination activities (Ramp Inspection Coordination and Standardisation – RICS /In-Depth Expert Analyses - IDEA meetings), incl. consultation on PDF (Pre-described findings) for GA		MS	Q2-Q4
Feedback on RAMP NextGen project (overhaul of RAMP standards)		MS	Q4

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Better understanding of operators’ governance structure (to support this MST, EASA published in 2022 the ‘Guidance for the oversight of group operations’ and will continue in 2023 on extending the guidance to cover FTL in group operations)

MST.0019

MS

Q2

General Aviation

Topic to be discussed	EPAS action (if applicable)	Member States /Both	Timeline
Support the organisation of Europe-wide GA Safety Promotion events (GA Season Opener, Post Season Debrief) aiming at having a coordinated event in as many MS as possible; and continue expanding SP collaboration globally.	SPT.0125 & other SPT in EPAS Vol. II Chapter 5	Both	Continuous
Facilitate information exchange on GA safety issues and if necessary, coordinate appropriate actions (incorrect/incomplete aeronautical information, airspace design and complexity ...)	MSTs: 0025/0027/0038	Both	Continuous
Facilitate the consultation of AMC/GM to Part 21 Light	RMT.0727	Both	Continuous
Implementation feedback of GA Roadmap initiated regulatory changes	Vol. II Chapter 5	Both	Continuous
Support the development of more proportionate requirements for Part-66 L licence holders	RMT.0255	Both	Continuous
Promote Environmental Sustainability in GA by sharing information on relevant initiatives.	n/a	Both	Continuous
Facilitate simpler, lighter and better flight crew licensing and training requirements, including but not limited to development and implementation of CBTA concept in GA	RMT.0678	Both	Continuous
Assist in regulatory evaluation to achieve more proportionate air operations rules in GA	EVT.0013	Both	Continuous
Support the DTO (declared training organisation) concept evaluation with a view to expand its scope to additional trainings	RMT.0678	Both	Continuous
Discuss improvements in the dissemination of safety messages	MST.0025	Both	Continuous

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Promote iConspicuity concept and its implementation in all MS aiming at better situational awareness for GA pilots, stimulating innovations and eliminating need for airspace segregation for sole use by drones.

SPT.0119, RES.0031
MST.0038,
SPT.0014,
RMT.0230

Both

Continuous

Production and Continuing Airworthiness/ Maintenance

Topic to be discussed	EPAS action (if applicable)	Member States /Both	Timeline
Import of aircraft: provide feedback and receive comments from the technical advisory bodies	RMT.0278	MS	Q1
Transfer of aircraft: provide feedback and receive comments from the technical advisory bodies	RMT.0521	MS	Q1
Regular Update of CAW Regulation: provide feedback and receive comments from the technical advisory bodies	RMT.0735	MS	Q1
eLicence: provide feedback and receive comments from the technical advisory bodies	RMT.0737	MS	Q2
Digitalisation: update on eCAW Guidelines (new version following comments from stakeholders, including the P&CA TeB)	n/a	MS	Q1
SMS implementation: exchange of information/best practices	RMT.0251	MS	Q2
International cooperation aspects	RMT.0251	Both	Q4
Continuous discussion on challenges on the EU maintenance licensing system. Feedback on the status of the actions taken by EASA since the publication of the Report in 2018. Open discussion on coming challenges.		MS	Q4

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ATM/ANS

Topic to be discussed	EPAS action (if applicable)	Member States /Both	Timeline
SESAR: - Information on EASA involvement in SESAR 3 projects - Information on the evolution of the cooperation framework with SESAR Deployment Manager and SESAR 3 Joint Undertaking	n/a	Both	Q2-Q3
ATM Ground Equipment Conformity Assessment: overall presentation	RMT.0161	Both	Q4
Activities on ATCO Licensing: overall presentation	RMT.0668 RMT.0738	Both	Q4
Electronic Licence: provide feedback and receive comments from the technical advisory bodies	RMT.0737	MS	Q2
U-Space: discuss issues related to the implementation (including Standardisation) of the Regulation	RMT.0230	Both	Q4

Aerodromes

Topic to be discussed	EPAS action (if applicable)	Member States /Both	Timeline
Groundhandling (GH) implementation support – webinars to support MS and industry, share information and obtain feedback on the new GH Regulation	RMT.0728	Both	Q4
Creating a network of future GH inspectors to support MS in the implementation of the future GH regulation.	RMT.0728	MS	Q3

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Taskforce to review rescue and firefighting issues raised by industry and MS, e.g. use of fluorine free foams and response time of firefighting services at aerodromes falling under the Basic Regulation		Both	Q4
Implementation support for the Global Reporting Format on reporting of runway surface conditions (Regulation (EU) 2020/2148 on Runway Safety) - webinar	RMT.0719	Both	Q1
ICAO coordination with EASA MS on the European input into ICAO WGs and ICAO ADOP (Aerodrome Design and Operations) Panel, in particular on obstacle limitation surfaces (OLS)		MS	Q2
EPAS Implementation, including rulemaking tasks such as vertiports, aerodrome equipment certification/declaration and GH.	RMTs 0230, 0161, 0728	Both	Q3
Working with MS and Industry on the implementation of the EASA Sustainability Programme, e.g. on refuelEU and provisions related to airport responsibility in providing access to infrastructure for SAF, as well as preparing future aerodrome infrastructure for new energy sources, e.g. hydrogen.		Both	Q3
Working with MS and Industry to develop a concept for the protection of aerodrome surroundings.	Vol. I Strategic Priorities	Both	Q3

UAS (open and specific category)

Topic to be discussed	EPAS action (if applicable)	Member States /Both	Timeline
Development of guidance on air risk assessment, including iConspicuity solutions (in coordination with GA TeB)	RMT.0730	Both	Q1
Development of additional material related to crew training in the specific category	RMT.0730, RMT.0729	Both	Q2
Development of means of compliance for airworthiness and design verification of UAS	RMT.0730	Both	Q1

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Development of additional material related to light UAS operator certificate (LUC) (including cross border operations of LUC operators and application of RBO to LUC operators)	RMT.0730	Both	Q2
Harmonisation of Reg 947 including SORA and its adaptations to EU, including analysis of the effectiveness of PDRAs (Predefined Risk Assessment)	RMT.0730	Both	Q3