



# European Powered Flying Union

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## EPFU News Flash No. 140, March 2025

### Dear Friends

Eight weeks before our Annual General Meeting comes News Flash No. 140 containing quite a bunch of different topics, as usual, I would say.



We here at Grenchen (LSZG) are looking forward to a fruitful meeting with many exchanges of experiences made and opinions elaborated.

Spring is “ante portas” as the Romans would say. If weather permits: join us with your aircraft, everything will be ready for you. From a distance you will see the “Bernern Alpen”, to locate our airport then is easy, it is just behind the “Jura” chain and the “Aare” river, between ARVAN and BIRKI for those flying according to IFR.

Looking forward to meeting you receive my best wishes and kindest regards.

René, your Technical Officer

### EPFU 2025 Annual General Meeting

will be held at Grenchen (LSZG) starting in the evening of **Friday 25/4/2025, ending on Sunday 27/4/2025** around noon. All relevant information will follow shortly.



For precise weather information:

And as second source:

<https://metar-taf.com/LSZG>

<https://fliegen.roundshot.com/#/>

This is the provisional programme, state of the art as per today, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025:

#### Friday, 25 /4/2025

Board Meeting in the afternoon

Arrival at Grenchen (LSZG) during the afternoon, registration at the Airporthotel

19.00 h Welcome reception, “Apéro riche”

#### Saturday, 26/4/2025

09.00 h Annual General Meeting at the airporthotel, presentations as requested by participants

**Adjusted entry: If desired a parallel “Ladies Programme” could be prepared.**

In the afternoon we shall have a transfer to the “Habsburg”, the historical starting point of the Empire. There will be an intermediate stop at an interesting place. More details will follow, at the moment of compiling this News Flash still not all required timetables and opening hours are available, hibernation is in some cases the technical term to be applied...



The Habsburg Castle



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**Sunday, 27/4/2025**

Breakfast at the Airporthotel, individual departures.

**Final remark, also published in the official invitation:**

As per our statutes our members are invited to send us the points you may wish to include in the agenda of the Annual General Meeting as well as topics of interest to be presented by specialised speakers.

### **Flight Instruments, Flight Recordings, and 3D Playback**

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<https://flygagggle.com/#app-features>

**Terms of Reference (ToR), Notices of Proposed Amendments (NPA), Comment Response Documents (CRD), Opinions, Agency Decisions, and Public Consultations published between 1/2/2025 and 28/2/2025. Titles or text parts in bold characters means that the texts are at least partially important for our community:**

**ToR:**

20/02/2025 Regular update of Regulations (EU) 2023/203 and 2022/1645 and associated AMC & GM, ToR RMT.0753, Issue 1, dealing with Information Security (IS). Affected stakeholders will be: DOA holders, POA holders, AeMCs, FSTD operators, U-space service providers and single common information service providers, apron management service providers, AOC holders (CAT), aircraft operators (NCC), MOs (Part-145), CAMOs, training organisations, ATM/ANS providers, ADR operators, Member States. For more information:

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library/terms-of-reference-and-rulemaking-group-compositions/tor-rmt0753-issue-1>

**Focused Consultation:** None:

**Public Consultation:** None of direct relevance to us.

**Notices of Proposed Amendment:** None.

**Agency Decision:**

05/02/2025 ED Decision 2025/002/R Amendments to the AMC & GM to Regulations (EU) Nos 1178/2011 and 965/2012. It comes in 8 parts:

**AMC & GM to Commission Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011 — Issue 1, Amendment 1**



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**AMC & GM to Part-FCL — Issue 1, Amendment 13**  
**AMC & GM to Part-MED — Issue 2, Amendment 1**  
**AMC & GM to Part-ARA — Issue 1, Amendment 13**  
**AMC & GM to Part-ORA — Issue 1, Amendment 8**  
**AMC & GM to Part-DTO — Issue 1, Amendment 2**  
**AMC & GM to Part-ORO — Issue 2, Amendment 26**  
**AMC & GM to Part-SPA — Issue 1, Amendment 15**

Time constraints did not allow us to evaluate in a serious manner all the texts proposed. For your own evaluations please go to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library/agency-decisions/ed-decision-2025002r>

**Opinion:** None.

### **Comment Response Documents (CRD):**

07/2/2025 CRD 2023-05, Acceptable means of compliance, guidance material and detailed specifications supporting the new regulatory framework on the conformity assessment of ATM/ANS systems and ATM/ANS constituents. Not directly for us. Interested parties may go to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library/comment-response-documents/crd-2023-05>

**EU Regulations:** None of relevance.

**EU Decisions**>>>Agency Decision above.

### **EU Publications**

#### **Statement of revenue and expenditure for the 2025 financial year – European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA)**

Want to know where EASA's money comes from, where it goes to respectively? The "link" published below offers access to the figures. OJ C, C/2025/867, 28.2.2025, ELI:

<http://data.europa.eu/eli/C/2025/867/oj>



### **Unmanned aircraft systems – reporting safety occurrences**

Regulation 2015/1018 contains a list of safety occurrences that must be reported in different areas of civil aviation, but unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) are not sufficiently covered. This initiative amends that list to include UAS-specific safety occurrences that must be reported. This will:

- improve reporting,
- prevent accidents and serious incidents.



We follow the follow-on to exercise influence where we consider it to be helpful. They operate in our common airspace. For more information please go to



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[https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/14540-UAS-safety-occurrence-reporting\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/14540-UAS-safety-occurrence-reporting_en)

### New vacancy published: Flight Standards Director

03/02/2025, for all details please go to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/news/new-vacancy-published-flight-standards-director>



### New vacancy published: Resources & Support Director

03/02/2025, for all details please go to

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### Firmware Update Removes Geofencing From DJI Drones

China-based drone manufacturer DJI announced Monday that the latest firmware update to its “GEO” geofencing system **reclassifies Restricted Zones (aka No Fly Zones) as Enhanced Warning Zones. The change means that drone operators are now responsible for monitoring their aircraft to ensure they do not encroach on FAA-designated flight restriction areas**, as opposed to the automatic GPS-derived “fencing” that would not allow the drone to enter the restricted airspace.



DJI said the changes align with similar changes implemented last year in Europe and place “control back in the hands of the drone operators, in line with regulatory principles of the operator bearing final responsibility.”

**The firmware update comes a few days after the collision of a DJI drone with a “Super Scooper” water bomber battling wildfires in Los Angeles.** That investigation is ongoing, with the drone’s operators at risk of prosecution leading to heavy fines, prison time, or both.

For the full text and for the comments please go to

<https://www.avweb.com/aviation-news/under-threat-of-u-s-ban-dji-takes-action/>

### European eVTOL Ambitions on Hold?

19/2/2025 Airbus Helicopters’ recent decision to pause the CityAirbus NextGen eVTOL project at the end of its current phase highlights the formidable technological hurdles facing the broader Urban Air Mobility (UAM) industry. Among the major challenges cited by Airbus are the shortcomings of current battery technology, which remains insufficient to power safe, reliable, and commercially viable UAM services. For the entire article please go to



Picture from ADW Amsterdam



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[https://www.adwworld.com/news/evtols-and-uas/european-evtol-ambitions-on-hold?tid=TIDP11180492X7E813B7773D241B098275DBBACF170D2YI2&noactioncode=1&utm\\_term=&utm\\_content=ADW2025\\_NB\\_02\\_A\\_EN&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=ADW\\_nieuwsbrief\\_2025&utm\\_source=RE\\_emailmarketing](https://www.adwworld.com/news/evtols-and-uas/european-evtol-ambitions-on-hold?tid=TIDP11180492X7E813B7773D241B098275DBBACF170D2YI2&noactioncode=1&utm_term=&utm_content=ADW2025_NB_02_A_EN&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ADW_nieuwsbrief_2025&utm_source=RE_emailmarketing)

### EASA Document Library, Last Minute Entry:

Latest Publications of relevance to General Aviation

- 26/02/2025

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#### **EASA.SAS.A.093**

*Sukhoi Su-29*

- 25/02/2025

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#### **EASA.A.573 - Virus SW 121**

*Virus SW 121*

For all details please go to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library>

### AOPA Calls on FAA to Address ADS-B Privacy and Enforcement Issues

18/2/2025, by Miriam McNabb, Pilots Express Concern Over Expanded Use of ADS-B Data

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) is urging the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to address growing concerns over the use of Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B) data. AOPA President and CEO Darren Pleasance recently sent a letter to Acting FAA Administrator Chris Rocheleau, asking the agency to ensure ADS-B remains focused on its original purpose—enhancing air traffic safety and airspace efficiency. For more information:

<https://dronelife.com/2025/02/18/aopa-calls-on-faa-to-address-ads-b-privacy-and-enforcement-issues/>

### Murphy's Law COMPLETE, compiled by Arthur Bloch

Breda's Rule printed on the third (unnumbered) page of the book says: "At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle arrive last." Your Technical Officer adds: "Commercial Air Transport operations with widebody aircraft very often demonstrate the validity of Breda's Rule."





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