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Dear Readers

Happy beginning of summer from Northern parts of Europe. Days are still getting longer even the temperatures are still not the same as in central Europe. As usual find René current General Aviation topics. Martin has also digged quite a big bunch of “links” that might interest you. Part of them are in German but if you wish to find out more about them I suggest you reach out directly to Martin and he can with the context and/or translation issues if needed.

At this point I wish you a good flying season – Stay safe!

Antti, your President



The beginning of the flying career of our President

General aviation made friendlier: how EASA is opening the cockpit door

From EASA: “There is something joyful about general aviation. It is the kind of freedom you do not find in timetables and terminals. For many people flying means weekends with friends, sunset circuits over the countryside, or learning a new way to see the world. Over the last decade, EASA has been quietly making the rules around this kind of flying easier to navigate. The result is more aviators into the cockpit and more ways for people to stay flying for fun.” For more please to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/light/topics/general-aviation-made-friendlier-how-easa-opening-cockpit-door>

Summer Safety 2026 — Go Safe Together! Wildlife Hazard Management

Online event to be held on 5/5/2026, 1100-1230 CET: This topic is important for airfields where lighter aircraft are operated. In the Grenchen (LSZG) area e.g. there is a population of some 80 storks operating in the ATZ without clearances...

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/events/summer-safety-2026-go-safe-together-wildlife-hazard-management>

Wasserstoff an Flughäfen: Studie weist Wege für einen schrittweisen und wirtschaftlichen Einsatz

Bundesministerium für Verkehr, Deutschland: «Eine neue Studie im Auftrag des Bundesministeriums für Verkehr (BMV) zeigt, wie Wasserstoff schrittweise und wirtschaftlich tragfähig an Flughäfen eingesetzt werden kann. Die Analyse des Fraunhofer-Instituts für Materialfluss und Logistik (IML), herausgegeben von der NOW GmbH, hebt insbesondere die Bedeutung modularer Konzepte und regionaler Kooperationen für einen erfolgreichen Hochlauf hervor.» Für mehr Information:

<https://www.bmv.de/SharedDocs/DE/Pressemitteilungen/2026/042-schnieder-wasserstoff-an-flughafen-studie.html>



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EAS Newsletter April 2026

Published by Timo Schubert in May 2026, get the latest on European policy developments affecting the wide field of sport and recreational aviation

<https://europe-air-sports.org/document/eas-newsletter-april-2026-125>



Why Small Aviation Is Dying: The Harsh Truth No One Talks About

A video, not very funny, on our segment of the world of aeronautics:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Q6t-EKk3vc>

Aus für WACO und Junkers in den USA

Patrick Holland-Moritz, aerokurier:

“Nach millionenschweren Investitionen jetzt das abrupte Aus: Die DIMOR Group beendet ihre Aktivitäten in den USA. Das bedeutet das Aus für die WACO Aircraft Corporation, die ihren Betrieb in Battle Creek, Michigan, eingestellt hat. Auch Junkers-Flugzeuge werden somit nicht mehr in den Vereinigten Staaten gebaut.” Zur Quelle:



A colourful WACO aircraft

<https://www.aerokurier.de/motorflug/dimor-group-zieht-den-stecker-aus-fuer-waco-und-junkers-n-den-usa/>

After the Leading Show for General Aviation April 22 - 25, 2026

The promised special report prepared by our treasurer Manfred Kunschitz will be published separately, due to late arrival of the documents he asked for on his computer.

Today we have backlog of texts and pictures worth to be published as never before. We are considering a special edition to be published mid-June.



Terms of Reference (ToR), Notices of Proposed Amendments (NPA), Comment Response Documents (CRD), Opinions, Agency Decisions, and Public Consultations published between 1/5/2026 and 31/5/2026. Title or text parts in bold characters means that the texts are at least partially important for our community:

ToR: None.



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Public Consultations by EASA: None for us.

Notice of Proposed Amendment:

NPA 2026-01 Regular update of the aerodrome rules for the transposition of ICAO SARPs amendments

published by EASA on 28/4/2026, comes in 5 parts. The Agency writes: “The amendments proposed with this NPA are based on Amendment 18 to ICAO Annex 14 Volume I — Aerodrome Design and Operations, and on Amendments 9 and 10 to Annex 14 Volume II — Heliports.

They can be summarised as follows:

- incorporation of criteria in the design of aprons for safe ground-handling activities;
- provision of runway and taxiway lights based on a new runway visual range (RVR) threshold of 300 m;
- provision of runway distance remaining signs (RDRSs);
- clarification of serviceability level for aerodrome lighting;
- provision of visual aids to denote temporarily closed runways and temporarily closed/restricted areas;
- revision of the apron management procedures to include guidance to aircraft departing from the stand and securing of parked aircraft to prevent unintended movement;
- revised design characteristics for the final approach and take-off area (FATO), touchdown and lift-off areas (TLOF), helicopter clearways, helicopter taxiway and taxi routes, heliport lights, sign markings and markers;
- revised design specifications for the obstacle limitation surfaces related to vertical procedures and point-in-space (PinS) approach or departure procedures with or without a proceed visually instruction.”

Comment period ends on 23/6/2026. For all related texts please go to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library/notices-of-proposed-amendment/npa-2026-01>

Focused Consultations: None.

Agency Decisions: None.

Opinions: None.

Comment Response Documents: None.

EU Consultations/“Have your say”: None for the moment.

EU Regulations: None for the moment.



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Cessna Strikes Paraglider Over Austrian Alps

A 44-year-old woman deployed a reserve parachute after the aircraft severed parts of her canopy and lines, officials said.



https://avweb.com/aviation-news/cessna-strikes-paraglider-over-austria/?utm_source=omeda&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Email-News0-AVW-2605026-Daily&oly_enc_id=4135F0705301H4Y

EASA issues SIB on safe usage of Jet A aviation fuel in Europe

08/5/2026 The situation in the Middle East and Persian Gulf has impacted the supply of Jet A-1 grade fuel, which is traditionally used in Europe. Aviation and fuel supply stakeholders are therefore reviewing the feasibility of using Jet A grade fuel, sourced from other regions of the world, to address a potential shortfall. In this context, EASA has issued a Safety Information Bulletin (SIB) to guide aviation actors on the safe management of Jet A grade fuel in a Jet A-1 environment. For all details please go to



<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/news/easa-issues-sib-safe-usage-jet-aviation-fuel-europe>

EASA publishes the updated Easy Access Rules for Normal-Category Aeroplanes (CS-23)

19/5/2026 The European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) has published the updated Easy Access Rules for Normal-Category Aeroplanes (CS-23 Amendment 6 and AMC & GM to CS-23 Issue 5) — Revision from May 2026, available in PDF, machine-readable XML, and in a new improved online version with optimised performance for quick and seamless navigation, a pair of permalinks for each rule article pointing to the latest version of the article and to the article version under the displayed amendment, improved filters, search functions, and navigation for computers, tablets, and mobile phones. This publication incorporates the ED Decision ED Decision 2026/003/R with the objective to ensure that the AMC and GM to CS-23 reflect the latest technological developments and certification practices for normal category aeroplanes and improve harmonisation with the FAA. For more information:



<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/news/easa-publishes-updated-easy-access-rules-normal-category-aeroplanes-cs-2>

EASA and EUROCONTROL release Electronic Conspicuity Use Cases for safer shared airspace

20/5/2026 EUROCONTROL and EASA, together with aviation stakeholders, have jointly developed two use case descriptions for the use of Electronic Conspicuity (EC) to enhance traffic awareness for pilots and facilitate





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integration of drones in shared airspace. The use cases will serve as input to the joint Electronic Conspicuity assessment and validation work performed in Europe and aim to support the safety of manned and unmanned aviation through affordable, interoperable and harmonised solutions. The address below brings you to all the texts:

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/news/easa-and-eurocontrol-release-electronic-conspicuity-use-cases-safer-shared>

EASA publishes new set of enhanced online Easy Access Rules

21/5/2026 The European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) has published another four Easy Access Rules enhanced online publications with faster access, speedier performance, permalinks, optimised old features, and improved navigation. 13 set of rules are mentioned covering several different topics. To find what fits your operations please go to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/news/easa-publishes-new-set-enhanced-online-easy-access-rules>



Repetition

EASA Artificial Intelligence Days 2026, 9-10/9/2026

Hybrid event (partially online and partially on-site), EASA Headquarters at Cologne.

Related domains: Aerodromes Air Operations Air Traffic Management Aircraft & products Aircrew & Medical Cybersecurity Drones & Air Mobility Research & Innovation Rotorcraft & VTOL

Event dates: 9/9/2026, 08:30 - 18:00, 10/9/2026, 08:00 - 17:30, all times local.

For more information and/or a registration please go to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/events/easa-artificial-intelligence-days-2026>



Repetition

10th Electrify-In, Bern Airport, Switzerland

Save the Date! The dates for **11th –13th September 2026** are confirmed. With all permits already in place, the stage is set for the 10th edition of Electrify-In Switzerland. It promises to be an event you will not want to miss — so be sure to save the date for a weekend filled with innovation, inspiration and premier networking. This is the “link”

<https://electrify-in.ch/>





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Repetition

European Technical Standard Order (ETSO) Workshop 2026, 22-23/9/2026

Related domains: Aircraft & products

On-site event at EASA Headquarters, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3,
50668 Köln

Event dates: Welcoming and Registration 22/9/2026, 08:30, event start
22/9/2026, 09:00 - 17:30
23/09/2026, 09:00 - 17:30, all times local

For more information please go to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/events/european-technical-standard-order-etso-workshop-2026>



Repetition

Save the Date: Part-IS Workshop 2026 –7-8/10/2026

Related domains: Aerodromes Air Operations Air Traffic
Management
Aircraft & products Aircrew & Medical Cybersecurity International
cooperation Rotorcraft & VTOL.

Event location: EASA Headquarters, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3,
50668 Köln. For more details please go to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/events/save-date-part-workshop-2026-october-07-08>



Repetition

SAVE THE DATE — Innovative Air Mobility Implementation Forum 27/10 2026 to 28/10/2026

Hybrid event (partially online and partially on-site). Description: “The European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) is pleased to announce the second edition of the Innovative Air Mobility (IAM) Implementation Forum.

Following the strong engagement and fruitful exchanges of the inaugural event, this new edition will once again gather authorities, industry leaders, technical experts, and community representatives to discuss the evolving IAM, UAS and U-space regulatory implementation.” For more information please go to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/events/save-date-innovative-air-mobility-implementation-forum>





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Murphy's Law COMPLETE, compiled by Arthur Bloch

On page there is Burke's Rule: "Never create a problem for which you do not have the answer". As corollary we find just below: "Create problems for which only you have the answer."

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