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Dear Friends



Winter is a good time for maintenance

First of all, I'd like to apologise for not having had time to write a piece for the last newsletter. I feel that my workload has increased quite a bit in recent years, and this isn't limited to flying alone, but affects all areas of life. But now, on to the latest News Flash for you.

Summer has given way to autumn, and flying days are getting shorter by the day, whilst the weather is taking a turn for the worse. This is a good opportunity to get both the aircraft and the pilot back into shape.

On the regulatory front, nothing out of the ordinary or dramatic has happened, and you'll find René's round-up of the relevant topics.

I wish you all a lovely autumn and stay safe!

Antti, your President

The Hangar Conversation



is EASA's General Aviation safety magazine, bringing together real flying experiences, honest safety conversations and practical takeaways for pilots and instructors. This text was published by EASA on 15/10/2026, we simply copied it, the compliements go to the Agency.

From club flying and local airfields to changing weather and everyday decisions, the magazine explores the situations and human factors that shape safety. It invites readers to reflect on their own flying and share what others could learn from.

Read the first issue and join the conversation. Send your feedback, flying stories, photographs or suggestions for future topics to

safetypromotion@easa.europa.eu

Terms of Reference (ToR), Notices of Proposed Amendments (NPA), Comment Response Documents (CRD), Opinions, Agency Decisions, and Public Consultations published between 1/10/2026 and 31/10/2026. Title or text parts in bold characters means that the texts are at least partially important for our community:

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Public Consultations by EASA: None.

ToR: None.

Notice of Proposed Amendment:

Repetition
NPA 2026-03 **Regular update of CS-25.** EASA writes: "This NPA proposes amendments to the Certification Specifications and Acceptable Means of Compliance for Large Aeroplanes (CS-25) in order to reflect the state of the art and best practices, based on the selection of non-complex, non-controversial, and mature subjects. It also addresses several safety recommendations."
7/9/2026 is the publication date. **Comment period ends on 7/12/2026**. Interested parties may go to

https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library/notices-of-proposed-amendment/npa-2026-03

Focused Consultations: None.

Comment Response Documents: None

Opinions: None.

Agency Decision: None.

EU Regulations:

23/10/2026 **Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/2338** of 22 October 2026 **correcting the Swedish language version of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1998** laying down detailed measures for the implementation of the **common basic standards on aviation security.** For your information!

Are future U-space users willing to pay for services? A new white paper says no - Unmanned airspace

28/9/2026, from Unmanned Airspace, UAS Traffic Management News: "…Based on survey evidence from 42 current and prospective drone operators, it examines willingness to pay, expected usage patterns, preferred pricing models, perceived benefits and the role of regulatory uncertainty across different national contexts. For example, approximately 40 percent of respondents state they have no current intention to use or pay for U-space services, and among those who do, the maximum willingness-to-pay caps at approximately EUR 100 per operation…." This report brings more clarity:

https://www.unmannedairspace.info/uncategorized/are-future-u-space-users-willing-to-pay-for-services-a-new-white-paper-says-no/?utm_source=aweber&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=the-latest-headlines-from-unmanned-airspace

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eFlyer 2 Completes First Flight



29/9/32026, by Matt Ryan: "Bye Aerospace has completed the first flight of its full-scale eFlyer 2 prototype, beginning flight testing of the two-seat electric aircraft the company is developing for the flight training market." For more information please go to

https://avweb.com/aviation-news/eflyer-2-completes-first-flight/?utm_source=omeda&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Email-News0-AVW-260930-Daily&oly_enc_id=4135F0705301H4Y

EASA Grounds Elixir Fleet After Fatal Accident

5/10/2026, by Matt Ryan: " The European Union Aviation Safety Agency has ordered operators to suspend flights of Elixir aircraft following a fatal accident involving a factory aircraft in France last week. The emergency directive, issued Oct. 2 and effective Oct. 3, applies to the Elixir Aircraft Elixir fleet." For more information please go to

https://avweb.com/aviation-news/easa-grounds-elixir-after-fatal-accident/

Cessna 210 Engine Separates After Takeoff

Pilot survives accident in Louisiana after aircraft's engine breaks away in flight.

15/10/2926, by Matt Ryan: "A Cessna 210 went down shortly after takeoff from Louisiana Regional Airport in Gonzales, Louisiana, Tuesday morning after its engine separated completely from the aircraft. According to local WAFB, Ascension Parish Sheriff Bobby Webre confirmed that the engine detached before the airplane went down into a nearby field. The 74-year-old pilot survived with minor injuries."

For more information and for pictures please go to

https://avweb.com/aviation-news/cessna-210-engine-separates-after-takeoff/

EASA Expands Swift 100R Approvals in Europe

15/10/2026, various sources: The European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) has validated expanded FAA approvals for Swift Fuels' 100R unleaded aviation gasoline, allowing more piston aircraft and engines to use the fuel in Europe. Germany-based Swift Fuel GmbH announced the development in a press release last week. For more information please go to

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https://forum.avweb.com/t/easa-expands-swift-100r-approvals-in-europe/55208/1

FAA Restores Flight Deck Training for Controllers

Program will allow controllers to observe pilot workload and cockpit procedures during actual flights.

15/10/2026, by Matt Ryan: “The FAA announced Wednesday it is reinstating its Flight Deck Training program, allowing air traffic controllers to observe cockpit operations aboard commercial, general aviation and military aircraft. The program, which was suspended at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, gives controllers firsthand experience with pilot workload, cockpit procedures and the effects of ATC instructions on flight crews.” For more information please go to

https://avweb.com/aviation-news/faa-flight-deck-training-controllers/

EASA General Aviation Engine and Propeller Workshops



Hybrid (partially online and partially on-site)

EASA General Aviation **Engine Workshop** on 04/11/2026, 8:30 - 17:45 CET (UTC +1)
EASA General Aviation **Propeller Workshop** on 05/11/2026, 8:30 - 17:45 CET (UTC +1)

By EASA invitation only, the outcome should be followed by us!

Hydrogen Technologies International Working Group



Online Event. Event dates
09/11/2026
Session 1 09:00 - 12:00 CET (UTC +1)
Session 2 15:00 - 18:00 CET (UTC +1)

The experts from 5 Authority agencies involved in the group will provide an overview of their on-going work with regards to certification of H2 propulsion system. For more information/your registration please go to

https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/events/hydrogen-technologies-international-working-group

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EASA Rotorcraft Symposium and European Rotors



On-site event

Day 1: Monday, 30/11/2026, 09:00 - 17:30 CET (UTC +1)
Day 2: Tuesday, 01/12/2026, 10:00 - 17:00 CET (UTC +1)
Day 3: Wednesday, 02/12/2026, 10:00 - 17:00 CET (UTC +1)
Day 4: Thursday, 03/12/2026, 10:00 - 16:00 CET (UTC +1)

Location: EUREXPO LYON, Boulevard de l'Europe, F-69680 Chassieu, Lyon — France

For more information/for your registration please go to

https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/events/easa-rotorcraft-symposium-and-european-rotors-0

EASA publishes Annual Safety Review 2026



26/10/2026 EASA writes: «The European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) has published the Annual Safety Review (ASR) 2026, providing a comprehensive analysis of aviation safety in Europe during 2025 and comparing the results with the previous 10 years.

The review provides a detailed picture of accidents, serious incidents and the leading safety risks across the different aviation domains.
It is an important data-driven input to the European Safety Risk Management process and the European Plan for Aviation Safety (EPAS).» This address brings you to tjhe publication:

https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/news/easa-publishes-annual-safety-review-2026

Easy Access Rules for Aircrew

Revision from October 2026



16/10/2026 From EASA: The Easy Access Rules (EAR) for Aircrew (Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011) include the applicable technical requirements and adminAistrative procedures related to civil aviation aircrew, displayed in a consolidated, easy-to-read format with advanced navigation features through links and bookmarks. For the full set of information please go to

https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library/easy-access-rules/easy-access-rules-aircrew

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Easy Access Rules for Generic Master Minimum Equipment List (CS-GEN-MMEL) (Issue 3)



15/10/2026 From EASA: This document contains the Easy Access Rules for Generic Master Minimum Equipment List (EAR for CS-GEN-MMEL). It includes the applicable certification specifications (CSs) and guidance material (GM), displayed in a consolidated, easy-to-read format with advanced navigation features through links and bookmarks. For the full set of information please go to

https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library/easy-access-rules/easy-access-rules-generic-master-minimum-equipment-list-cs-gen-mmel

Updated Guidance for Organisations Using the EASA Organisation Approval Tool



12/10/2026 From EASA: “Accessing guidance for the EASA Organisation Approval Tool is now easier for organisations.

The training videos previously hosted on YouTube have been replaced by PDF user manuals for organisations, which are available directly on the EASA Organisation Approval Tool page on the EASA website.

This update provides organisations worldwide with a central location to access the latest guidance, anytime and from anywhere.

The PDF manuals replace the previous training videos and serve as the primary source of guidance for organisations using the EASA Organisation Approval Tool.

Users should always refer to the EASA website to ensure they are consulting the latest version of the manuals. “This is the “link”:

https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/news/updated-guidance-organisations-using-easa-organisation-approval-tool

EASA publishes the updated Easy Access Rules for CS-MMEL (Issue 4)



6/10/2026 EASA writes: “The new EAR for CS-MMEL (Issue 4) incorporate the ED Decision 2025/021/R providing a regular update of CS-MMEL and in particular introducing items covered by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Policy Letters that had not yet been included in CS-MMEL.” The link”:

https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/news/easa-publishes-updated-easy-access-rules-cs-mmel-issue-4

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EASA publishes Easy Access Rules for CS-ETSO Amendment 17



1/10/2026 EASA writes: “The new EAR for CS-ETSO Amendment 17 incorporate EASA Executive Director (ED) Decision 2022/018/R, providing a regular update of CS-ETSO as well as standards for electrical hoist equipment. “ For all details please go to

https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/news/easa-publishes-easy-access-rules-cs-etso-amendment-17

Repetition
EASA Annual Safety Conference 2026



Event dates: 18/11/2026 and 19/11/2026

Location: InterContinental Dublin
Simmonscourt Road, Ballsbridge, D04 A9K8, Dublin, Ireland

EASA writes: “The theme for this year's conference is “Safety Together: Turning Priorities into Action”. The event is being held in conjunction with Ireland's EU presidency and in cooperation with the Irish Aviation Authority. The 1.5-day event will begin early in the afternoon on Wednesday November 18 and continue for the full day on Thursday November 19. There will be a moderate fee charged to cover the conference costs. A networking get-together, open to all participants, will be held on the evening of November 18.”

For more information, for the adjusted preliminary agenda and your eventual registration please go to

https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/events/registration-now-open-easa-annual-safety-conference-2026

Murphy’s Law COMPLETE, compiled by Arthur Bloch

Burke’s Rule on page 149: “Never create a problem for which you do not have the answer.” Corollary to this: Create problems for which only you have rhe answer.”

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