

Transport Safety Lunch

Which Future for Flight Time Limitation Rules in Europe?

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Welcome by: Professor Herman De Croo, Minister of State and ETSC President

For more than a decade, EU legislators struggled to develop EU-wide rules governing Flight Time Limitations (FTL) to prevent pilot fatigue from endangering flight safety. The new set of FTL rules resulting from this effort – the so-called “Subpart Q” of the “EU-OPS” Regulation – did set a welcome minimum safety standard across the EU. Now, a recent EASA commissioned scientific study on several aspects of Subpart Q recommends legislative changes, including new rules in areas currently not covered by Subpart Q.

Where to go from here? Does the European Commission plan to propose changes to Subpart Q? How will EASA's future FTL provisions look like? What are the European Parliament's expectations – which had been at the origins of Subpart Q? What do national authorities need? Would stricter FTL rules make Europe's airlines' operations uncompetitive? How to balance scientific evidence and operational experience? How to weigh economic against safety considerations? Can operators benefit from science-based FTL rules and variations? What role for Fatigue Risk Management Systems?

As an independent non-profit organisation, ETSC has been promoting science-based transport safety policy across Europe for many years. As such, we wish to provide a forum for all major stakeholders, and thereby contribute to the safety debate on today's and tomorrow's EU FTL rules.

ETSC's Transport Safety Lunches are the site for openly debating promising and successful European approaches to prevent both accidents and injuries in transportation. They bring together decision makers from the transport sector in Brussels, thus establishing a platform to exchange information and views for all those interested in transport safety.

Following a buffet lunch the experts provide the audience with an insight into innovative transport safety work in a particular area. By addressing the most pressing problems they are paving the way for sharing knowledge and experience of how to best reduce transport-related accidents and injuries. The debates will explore possibilities of how key actors can develop the political and organisational leadership that it takes to implement effective safety schemes.

The Lunches provide good opportunities for both public authorities from all EU countries and private companies from all transport sectors to present their technical and organisational measures for the improvement of safety within the different modes of transport.



Professor Herman De Croo MP, Minister of State, President of ETSC

ETSC's Transport Safety Lunch

On 31 March 2009 from 12:00 to 14:45

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At the European Parliament, Rue Wiertz 60, 1047 Brussels
Jozef Antall Building, Room JAN 2Q2

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