ETSC and the European Aviation Safety Agency

13 September 2006

Joint Transport Safety Lunch

"How safe is flying? - Priorities in European aviation safety policy"

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Air transport is the safest mode of transport. However, air traffic is said to double by 2020. In order to keep the number of accidents per year at their current level, the rate of accidents would need to be halved in the next 15 years. A common strategy is needed to meet this challenge.

Against this background, the European Union has adopted an aviation safety policy enshrined in the EC Regulation 1592/2002. This regulation is also the basis for the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA). Its aim is to set and maintain the highest common level of safety in civil aviation. Still, Member States are involved through their national aviation authorities.

Priorities in the field of European aviation safety policy include standardisation inspections and certification of aircraft registered in EU Member States, such as the new A380. Future tasks of the EASA also include rule-making in the field of air operations, flight crew licensing, and the certification of third-country aircraft.

Who are the actors of tomorrow which will play a crucial role to make our skies safer? How are they impacting on the European institutions? What will be the responsibilities of Member States and how to ensure a high degree of cooperation among them in order to achieve a consistent high level of aviation safety? What are the lessons that can be learnt form the American aviation safety management?

Also, what are the next legislative steps? And will the European Union want to set an ambitious strategic target such as has been set in the field of road safety?

The European Transport Safety Council (ETSC) together with the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) invite you to a joint Transport Safety Lunch on aviation safety in Brussels on the 13 September 2006 between 12.30 and 15.00.

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 the particular country. 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 and security within the different modes of transport.

The present lunch on aviation safety is coorganised with EASA which has kindly provided financial support for it and has helped to make this event come true.



Professor Herman De Croo MP
Speaker, Belgian Chamber of Representatives

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