



Representing Model Flyers in Europe

EMFU General Assembly

25 & 26 November 2023

President's Report



Developments since the last EMFU GA

- Ongoing liaison with EASA
- Ongoing representation through ISAD
- Ongoing liaison with Europe Air Sports
- No shortage of challenges ahead



Liaison with EASA

- Cordial relations maintained – but activity a little quieter over the last year. Increased liaison anticipated in 2024.
- EMFU has provided input into any relevant consultations, including one on Drone Security, to which Europe Air Sports also provided input to support ours.
- DMFV have run some very good initiatives with EASA in 2023, though EASA still prefer to liaise with the EMFU due to our wider representation.
- Recent meeting with Droniq who are working on an EASA sponsored project on interoperability of electronic conspicuity systems. Project team are all model flyers!
- App developed as part of the project for ground-based notification of model flying. Currently Germany only but could see wider application.

Europe Air Sports

- Good relations maintained with Europe Air Sports
- General Conference held in Rome on 11/12 March (UK in 2024)
- Physical Technical meeting held in Dubendorf on 11th November
- EAS continue to seek EMFU input and push us forwards with EASA
- U-Space & electronic conspicuity remain big issues for all of us



EAS Technical Meeting – EASA SAB’s

EAS have been involved in the restructuring of EASA’s Stakeholder Advisory Bodies (SAB’s)

Purposes of the SAB’s

- To provide the Agency with strategic and technical priorities
- To provide feedback on the implementation of regulations and related policies
- To provide advice on any relevant topic upon MS’s request

New SAB structure

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* **Membership of the SAB** (EAS experts only)

Delmas, Jean Pierre	GA.COMM & CSTG, AG011, AG014
Morr, Mike	ADR.COMM & CSTG, ATM/ANS.COMM
Phipps, Dave	D.COMM & CSTG
Rocca, Michel	SAB Plenary, ATM/ANS COMM & CSTG, AG001, AG003, AG014
Saccani, Rodolfo	D.COMM & CSTG, AG002
Saetervardet, Torkell	ADR.COMM, AG009
Scarfe, Julian	SAB Plenary, GA.COMM & CSTG, AG014
Scholz, Werner	GA.COMM, AG005, AG006, AG010, AG012
Svennsson, Henrik	GA.COMM

* **Working arrangements**

Working language (English), Working tool (EASA IT collaborative platform)

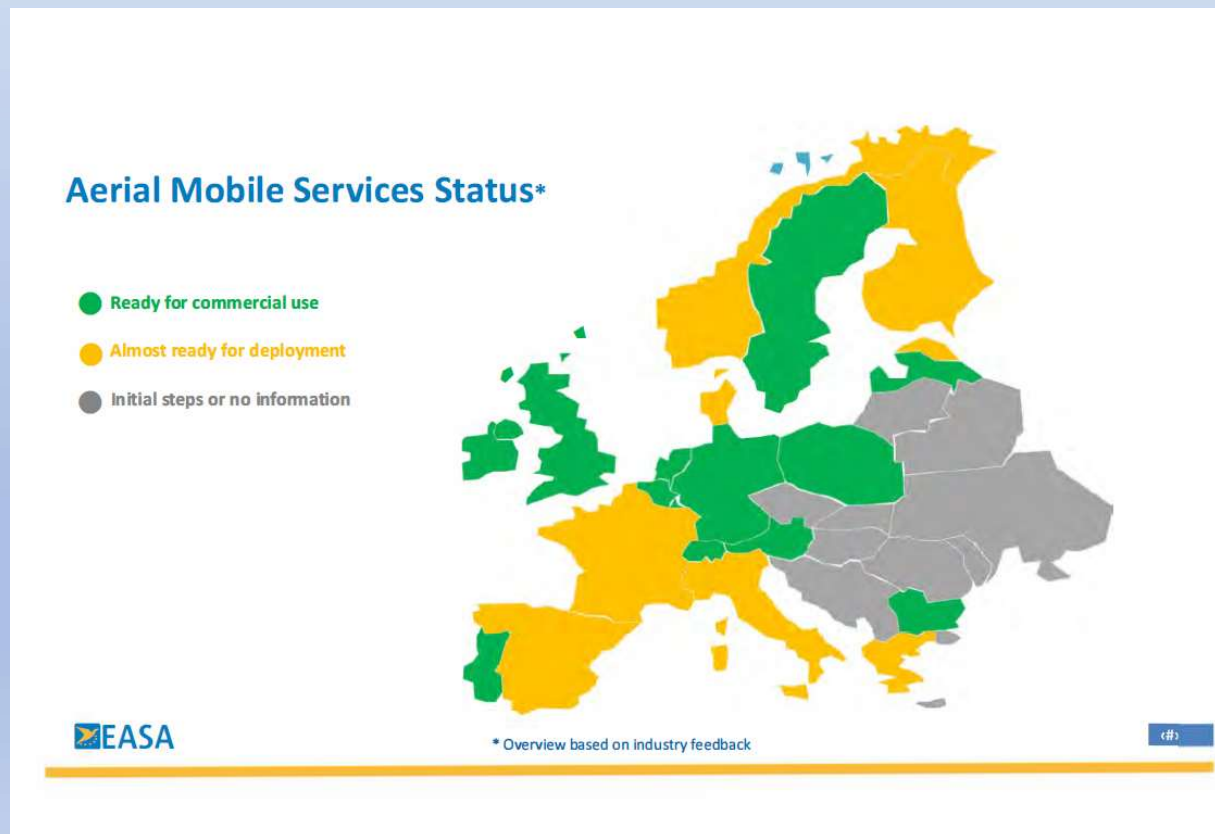
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EAS Technical Meeting – iConspicuity

Vlado Foltin from the EASA GA Team provided an update on their activities, including the ongoing iConspicuity project.

Part of the solution for the recreational flying community (such as paragliders) may involve the use of mobile telephones/apps.



EAS Technical Meeting – iConspicuity

We asked Vlado how he thought model flying might be impacted by iConspicuity?

“I hope only positively.”

Model flyers are integral part of the ongoing research project EASA finances. They consider at least the two following (voluntary) options for model flyers, either an App indicating their activity at certain location like it is used for open category drones or, a small ADS-L device on the vehicle.

Concerning the latter, ADS-L may become the specification also for drones remote ID. The initial discussions on that dimension have already started.”



Vladimir FOLTIN
Project Manager



EAS Opportunities for the year ahead

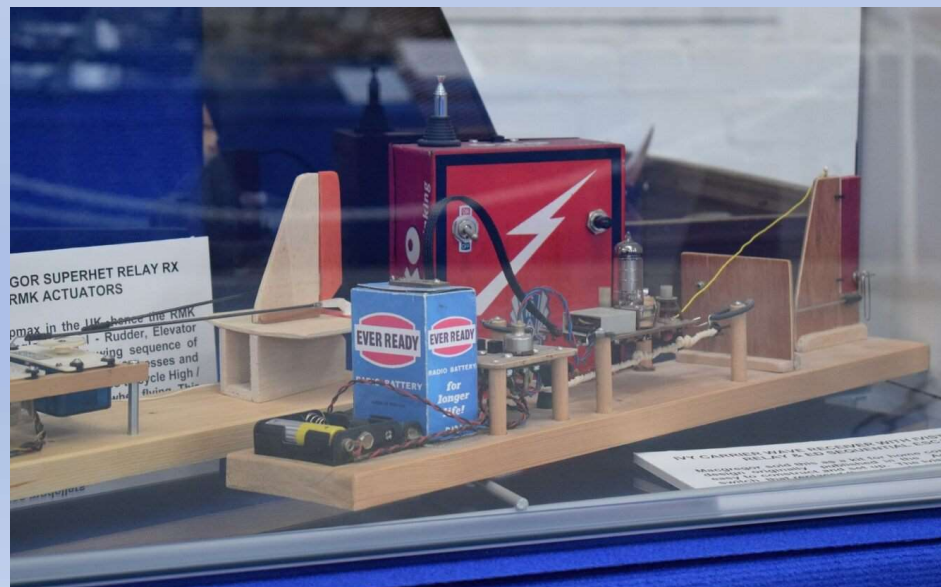
- To provide further input into the development of U-Space through EAS channels
- To explore the possibility of greater derogation for model flying in the next review of the Basic Regulation
- We will be holding a meeting with Timo Schubert (EAS Political Lobbyist) and Julian Scarfe (EAS Regulatory Expert) to explore options.
- May be an opportune time to make input to EASA and DG MOVE ahead of the EU Parliamentary elections in June 2024
- Widen and develop the interface between EMFU and EAS

Challenges Ahead

- Remote I.D.
- Electronic Conspicuity
- Securing our place in U-Space
- Environmental challenges – Impact of EC Habitats Directive and implementation of Natura2000/biodiversity rules in Member States
- Fighting the impact of drone regulations and subsequent changes
- Implementation issues with Article 16 in individual Member States
- Divergence from EU regulations in the UK

Representation of our radio spectrum interests through ISAD .e.v.

- ISAD is currently taking part in the work of the implementation of additional requirements from the article 3 and 4 of the Radio Equipment Directive. For R/C equipment the main topics here are the cyber security and the conformity of the combination of hard- and software. That is important for software updates and third-party software for R/C equipment (i.e. transmitters).
- A second topic of the work of ISAD is the ongoing discussion on receiver resilience in CEPT. This might lead to additional requirements and tests for our equipment. The target of ISAD is to avoid that.



Wider information sharing

- Over the last year we have continued to share information with colleagues from around the globe.
- BMFA achieved great PR from its Centenary celebrations in 2022, especially the ‘record attempt’ which saw 3109 aircraft in the skies across the UK at noon on 15 May. This is still generating interest and promotional opportunities for us a year later.
- How about repeating it across Europe with a ‘European Model Flying Day’ in 2024?



Other matters

- Thanks to the Board members.
- Thanks to Frank as General Secretary.
- Thanks to Members for their continued support.



There are still many challenges ahead, but we are stronger together

Thanks for listening



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Glossary of acronyms

EC	= European Commission
EASA	= European Aviation Safety Agency
EHPU	= European Hang Gliding & Paragliding Union
NAA	= National Aviation Authority
DG-MOVE	= European Commission - Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport
CEPT	= European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations
ETSI	= The European Telecommunications Standards Institute
ISAD	= Association for Radio Communications

