



## NEWS MESSAGE 2009/1

**To:** All members & Delegates  
**Cc:** Executive Board Members

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You might have the impression that the EGU-scene is rather quiet but I can assure you that we have been very busy in the past months. Due to very loaded agendas, we have been a bit poor in distributing information. We apologize for this.

We have to improve on this as informing our members is a basic task.

What is the current situation? A short round-up:

- EASA NPA's:

For the moment, the following NPA's still hold our attention:

2008-03 – Maintenance licences

2008-17 – FCL & Medical

2008-22 – Organisation Requirements (Approved Training Organisations)

2009-02 – Operations

A copy of the EGU comments was posted to you and can be consulted on our website.

We are now awaiting the so called CRD's (Comment response Documents) to see how the inputs might have changed the proposed rules. EASA needs more time for the review – due to the massive number of reactions – which results in delayed publication.

Roland Stuck, our special advisor, is a member of one of the EASA review groups – and is fully occupied in studying and commenting.

We can expect the CRD for FCL in March and the CRD for MED in June 2010. ATO's and OPS will follow later.

The transit date of 08-04-2012 as laid down in the Basic Regulation has to be respected so that a certain transition period (2-3 years) might be expected till 2014/15.

We will inform you as soon any official news is available.

Maintenance licence:

A few weeks ago, the CRD to NPA 2008-03 was published. On behalf of EGU, Howard, our board member in charge of technical affairs, attended the related EASA workshop and is preparing the EGU-reply.

Also, the introduction of the ELA process into Part 21 is delayed, but in the mean time, EASA will accept aircraft complying with the proposed new concept, and provide them with a Permit to Fly.

- About Part M

As you know, Part M has been in force since 28-09-2008. It might be interesting to know how the rules are implemented in the different member states and how these changes have influenced our systems and habits. Howard will send out a short notice with questions.

- About the Accident database

Henrik, our board member tasked with all OPS affairs, is preparing the questions to collect the data for 2009. (Some members have yet to provide their 2008 figures...) Please be co-operative. We need these figures.

- About 'Approved Training Organisations' (ATO's)

During official and informal contact with EASA, EAS was asked to prepare proposals for ATO's for disciplines which operate in a non profit environment like ballooning, gliding and powered flying, before mid January 2010. The board is working on a first draft to have a 'Gliding Proposal' ready in due time.

- About the Regulation on Aerodromes

It was noted that the latest criteria for small aerodromes had been relaxed to the extent that most gliding fields would now benefit from a lower level of regulation appropriate to limited activity. (Criteria involve runway length, number of operations and provision of instrument approaches) Achievement thanks to actions of EAS/ADS-Insight.

- Next Congress

Our next Congress Meeting will take place as planned on 27-28 February 2010 in OLTEN (CH). The board has accepted the kind invitation from the Swiss Gliding Federation to organise this event. The official invitation and basic information will be distributed mid-December. We do hope all members will attend.

- Membership fee 2010

During the last board meeting, the treasurer presented a first draft budget for 2010. We can expect a normal working year. By keeping the membership fees unchanged, it will create a small shortfall which can be covered from our reserves. So good news for the treasurers!

Please don't forget to consult our website! [www.egu-info.org](http://www.egu-info.org)  
All the minutes of our Congress and Board Meetings are available as well as a lot of other information.

For your information, the last issue of the EAS-Newsletter is attached.  
For those of you who want to study EASA's Annual report, this can be downloaded via this link:  
[http://www.easa.eu.int/ws\\_prod/g/g\\_comms\\_general\\_publications.php](http://www.easa.eu.int/ws_prod/g/g_comms_general_publications.php)

Best regards,

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