

EASA REGIONAL WORKSHOP in AUSTRIA

Over 100 participants from Austria came together in Vösendorf to attend the Regional Workshop, which was organised in co-operation with EASA to exchange and discuss topics and innovations in the fields of operations and licensing as well as training-organisation specific items. The participating experts had diverse experience and were highly qualified. It ranges from experts from flying operations, experts of training organizations, experts in the person licensing, quality managers, unit managers as well as representatives of our supervisory authority. Due to the excellent success of the 01st workshop with the technical topics in November 2008, the second regional EASA Workshop took place on 16. and 17. June 2009.

The head of department operations and technical organisations mentioned in his opening address in the name of the executive committee that the air traffic economy is currently in a difficult phase, but this phase should be used for a re-orientation. Not least due to the European Union extension to East and due to the central geographical location of Austria, particularly, in general aviation could register strong growth.

In the last 5 years the number of the AOC holders rose more than 30%, still more dynamically the number of the airplanes over 2000 kg MTOW showed a growth of over 60% in the 5-year period. The head of department mentioned further, that in the future, the common dialogue becomes more important, in order to ensure high standards at all levels, in the interest of security, fair competitive conditions and not least the sustainability.

In co-operation with EASA this common aspect to the current problem definitions should be promoted and deepened. By this common and organization-spreading dialogue we all will considerably profit.

Main topics of the two days lasting workshop were:

- „operation “
 - the EASA system (legal background, legislative structure, current and future NPAs)
 - general OPS conditions (general aviation, commercial aviation)
 - expiration of special approvals
 - organizational and official requirements for aviation enterprises

- „licensing “
 - the EASA system (developments of FCL and OPS NPAs, NPA structure, future guidelines for FCL/OPS)
 - private and commercial licensing (authorizations, confirmations, extensions, conditions for teachers and examiners)
 - general organizational and official requirements
 - special requirements for training organizations

All presentations from this workshop are available on the homepage of the Austro Control.