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A new initiative has been launched to address general aviation safety issues. The project, jointly instigated by the UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and the main general aviation and sports and recreational membership associations, aims to develop a partnership through which safety can be continuously improved. The move follows the publication of the CAA's overall Safety Plan for UK aviation earlier this year.

General aviation covers a variety of different activities and ranges from the smallest aircraft through to business jets, for both recreational and business related purposes. Although the UK has a comparatively good general aviation safety record, participants at a recent workshop at the CAA's Gatwick headquarters suggested there are likely to be areas where improvements could be made. General aviation representatives and CAA safety specialists agreed that a proportionate approach to address the main general aviation safety priorities was required.

The initiative will draw on relevant research and data to help identify and quantify the priority safety issues. It is expected that the project will lead to an achievable and realistic agenda in which safety can continue to improve throughout general aviation. Together with work being undertaken on reviewing the Regulatory Approach to Recreational Aviation, a more proportionate emphasis in the general aviation community will emerge along with any safety improvement strategies that might be identified

Participants in the project include, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA); the British Balloon and Airship Club (BBAC); the British Gliding Association (BGA); the British Helicopter Association; the British Microlight Aircraft Association (BMAA); the General Aviation Safety Council (GASCo); the Helicopter Club of Great Britain; the Light Aircraft Association (LAA); representatives from *Pilot* and *Flyer*; and, the CAA's Safety Regulation Group.

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