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Some 150 representatives from regulatory authorities, international organisations, airlines, air navigation service providers and industry have met today in Cologne for a workshop on safety within the Single European Sky. The meeting is organised by the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) in cooperation with EUROCONTROL.

The workshop follows the publication by the European Commission of the 2nd package of the Single European Sky (SES II) in June this year. The proposals include the extension of EASA's competences in the areas of aerodromes, Air Navigation Services (ANS) and Air Traffic Management (ATM). The Agency is already preparing to take up these new responsibilities.

"The extension of the EASA system to all aspects of aviation safety including ATM will further enhance safety standards across the aviation sector", said Patrick Goudou, EASA Executive Director. "The Agency will work in close partnership with EUROCONTROL to achieve the most efficient regulatory system without gaps or overlaps".

David McMillan, Director General of EUROCONTROL, said: "Even before any new legislation is agreed we must clearly work together very closely and I think today's workshop sends a clear signal that we are already doing just that".

The workshop gives an overview of the safety role of the different partners and addresses various aspects of the SES, such as interoperability, human factors and the regulation of ATM systems. It further explores the views of stakeholders and the challenges for the regulators. Speakers include representatives from the European Commission, EUROCONTROL, SESAR JU, the European Space Agency, airlines, air navigation services organisations, and EASA.

The workshop presentations will be published on the EASA [Events](#) page.

Note to editors:

The European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) was set up by the EU in 2003 to promote the highest common standards of safety and environmental protection in civil aviation. Based in Cologne, the Agency currently employs nearly 500 experts and administrators from all over Europe.

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