



European Cockpit Association
'Piloting Safety'

Background

- For many years, the European Cockpit Association and its 38,650 pilot members **have been raising their concerns** regarding the safety hazards that pilot fatigue poses to the safety of air passengers and flight crew.
- On 5 October 2009, we even **organised an EU-wide action day** in the main European airports and cities, requesting the EU institutions to base pilot fatigue rules on science.
- In December 2009, the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), launched a **drafting process** on EU's future pilot fatigue rules.
- In December 2010, **EASA published a very disappointing proposal**, which disregards decades of scientific evidence and which, if implemented, would **lower safety standards** currently in place in many EU countries.
- The proposed rules are the result of intensive lobbying from the **airlines, which are driven by commercial interests**, in the detriment of European passengers' safety.
- Today, the **EU Transport Ministers** are meeting in Luxembourg and we want them to act on the safety threats linked to pilot fatigue.

⇒ **EU Ministers must wake up and put passengers' safety as their n° 1 priority!**



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