

EU vs. US

- While the EU sleeps, the US acts!
- In February 2009, 50 people died in an air crash in Buffalo (USA). Pilot fatigue was recognised as a contributing factor.
- The US regulator (the Federal Aviation Authorities) directly acted upon this and started drafting new rules on pilot fatigue, based on scientific evidence.
- In Sept 2010, they published their proposal, a mature text, based on worldwide best practices, on scientific evidence in order to effectively prevent pilot fatigue. The final text is expected to be published by the end of 2011.
- In the meanwhile, the EU published its own draft rules in December 2010. In comparison, the text is immature, very weak from a scientific point of view and well below best practices at global level. Even worse, the proposal will lower aviation safety standards in many EU countries!
- **European passengers should not be protected by lower safety standards than their US counterparts. The EU must act NOW!**

