

Management Board Decision

DECISION N° 03-2021

of 11 August 2021

ADOPTING FINANCING DECISION FOR on Conflict Zones, Cybersecurity, and Emerging Risks collaborative platforms and services

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AVIATION SAFETY AGENCY,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2018 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Union Aviation Safety Agency, and in particular Article 75 thereof;¹

Having regard to the EASA's Financial Regulation, adopted by MB decision 16-2019, and in particular Article 72(2) thereof, in conjunction with Article 110 of the Financial Regulation;²

WHEREAS:

- (1) In accordance with Article 88 Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2018, 'Interdependencies between civil aviation safety and security', the Commission, the Agency and the Member States shall cooperate on security matters related to civil aviation, where interdependencies between civil aviation safety and security exist.
- (2) Information sharing is a key enabler allowing to react in a timely manner to an urgent concern affecting the safety of aircraft operation, including the risks to civil aviation arising from conflict zones.
- (3) The purpose of the European Information Sharing Platform on Conflict Zones ('the Platform') is to support the existing EU Conflict Zone Alerting System and particularly the Integrated EU Aviation Security Risk Assessment Group through a partnership mechanism.
- (4) As part of the comprehensive Cybersecurity Strategy for EU Aviation developed in cooperation with European stakeholders via the European Strategic Coordination Platform (ESCP), the necessity to develop a collaborative process to have a capacity of gathering information on cybersecurity threats impacting aviation safety was identified.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2018 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Union Aviation Safety Agency, and amending Regulations (EC) No 2111/2005, (EC) No 1008/2008, (EU) No 996/2010, (EU) No 376/2014 and Directives 2014/30/EU and 2014/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 552/2004 and (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (EEC) No 3922/91

² Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.

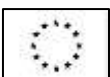
- (5) In 2020, EASA already received a Financing Decision for a 4-year framework contract for a value of 1.6 M€ for Conflict Zones (Ref to SPD 2021-2023 p. 135). Given the potential synergies with the different needs and features of the collaborative platforms.
- (6) it is hereby proposed to have an integrated approach to the different safety related risks and expand last year decision on Conflict Zones to cover cybersecurity and emerging safety risks.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

The Financing Decision for the Conflict Zones and Cybersecurity collaborative platforms and services is granted as laid down in the Annex and the Explanatory Note to this Decision.

Done in Cologne, 11 August 2021

(signed)
JOHANN FRIEDRICH COLSMAN
Vice-Chair of the Management Board



Annex to Decision MB N° 03-2021

FINANCING DECISION FOR Conflict Zones, Cybersecurity, and Emerging Risks collaborative platforms and services

The financing and the launch of the procurement procedure to support the independent assessment of adequate funding of staff supporting earmarked projects will be as described below:

Type of Contract: Framework Contract

Duration: 4 years

Financial envelope: maximum of 2.8 M€ with a possible extension of 20% to account for evolution of the platform and emerging risks (note: 1.6M€ already approved in the SPD)

Planned Launch date: August 2021

