



European Union Aviation Safety Agency

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### Question:

**Who was looking after aviation safety before the creation of EASA?**

### Answer:

Except for the limited rules established by the Community in the field of airworthiness and maintenance through Regulation 3922/91, [Member States](#) were responsible for the regulation of civil aviation safety. Although they did their best to harmonise their requirements and practices in the [Joint Aviation Authorities](#), this system led to differing interpretations of harmonised standards, which adversely affected the efficiency of regulation and increased compliance costs for the sector. Although the European Commission had been closely associated with the JAA process, the transition to the EASA system and decision-making based on the European Community method was decided as a significant improvement in the execution of certification and rulemaking tasks. It also reduces fragmentation at the international level, by providing the international aviation community with a European interlocutor with enhanced authority and credibility. JAA has since been disbanded except for its training section and is now called

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