



Focus on Aviation Safety & Quality – looking at the right places

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Aviation Safety: a concern of every day

Airbus Amber



Flight Tests



Training



Aerial work



Search & Rescue



Military & Police



Personnel transportation



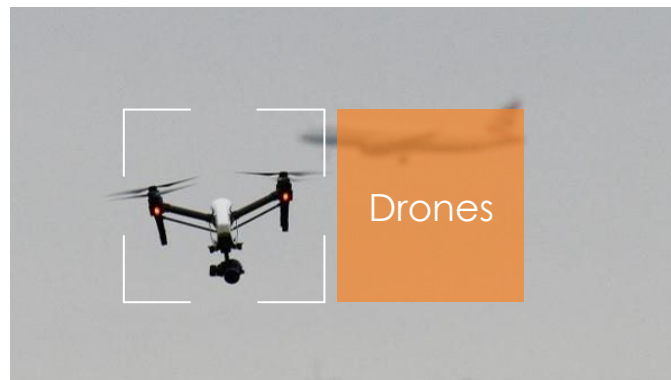
Emergency Medical Services



Business, VIP & Leisure

All customers & passengers expect safety

Why do we need a different approach?

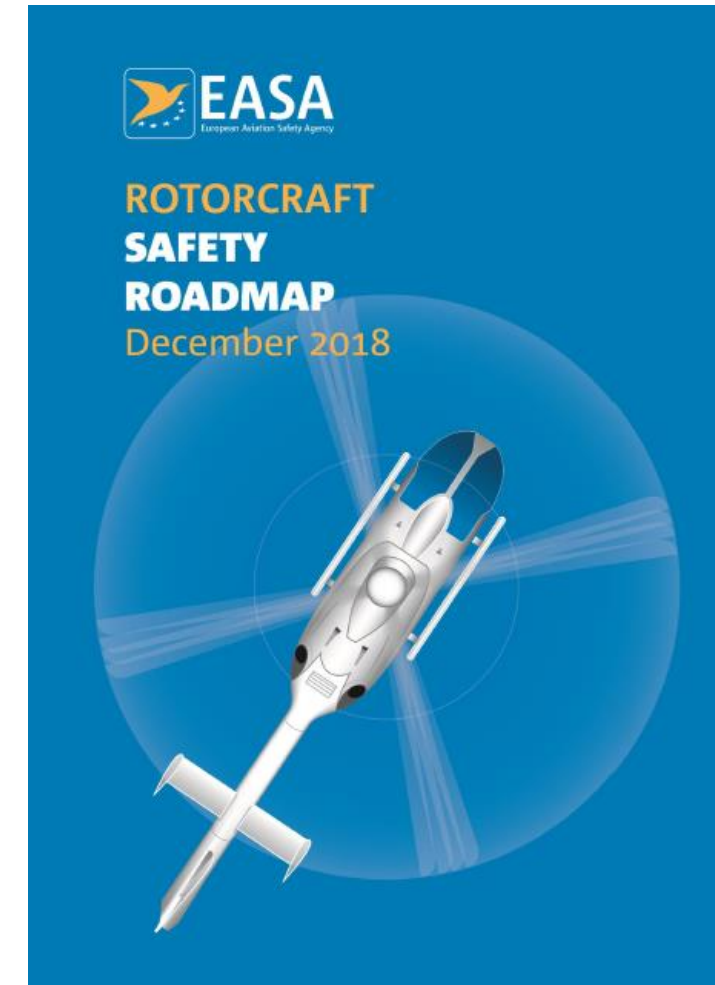


EASA ROTORCRAFT ROADMAP

Vision:

Achieving **significant safety improvement** for Rotorcraft with a growing and evolving aviation industry

- EASA tasked a Group of external experts supported by EASA to propose actions
- Roadmap endorsed by EASA in Nov. 2018
- Presented in the EASA Rotorcraft Symposium Dec. 2018



Product Safety

Airworthiness



Product Safety Enhancement

Product is **designed** without causing **unacceptable risk** of harm to persons or damage to property

Aviation Safety

Operational Aviation Safety

of flight operations
under AH



contribution to
Aviation Safety of the



State in which **risks** associated with **aviation activities**, related to, or in direct support of the **Operation of aircraft**, are reduced & controlled to an acceptable level (ICAO Annex 19)



Our Vision / Ambition 2028

-50%

accident rate
reduction of
fleet-in-service

0 accident /

serious incident
in flight operations
under AH
responsibility



- Airbus Helicopters as a **worldwide leader in Rotorcraft \ VTOL Aviation Safety**

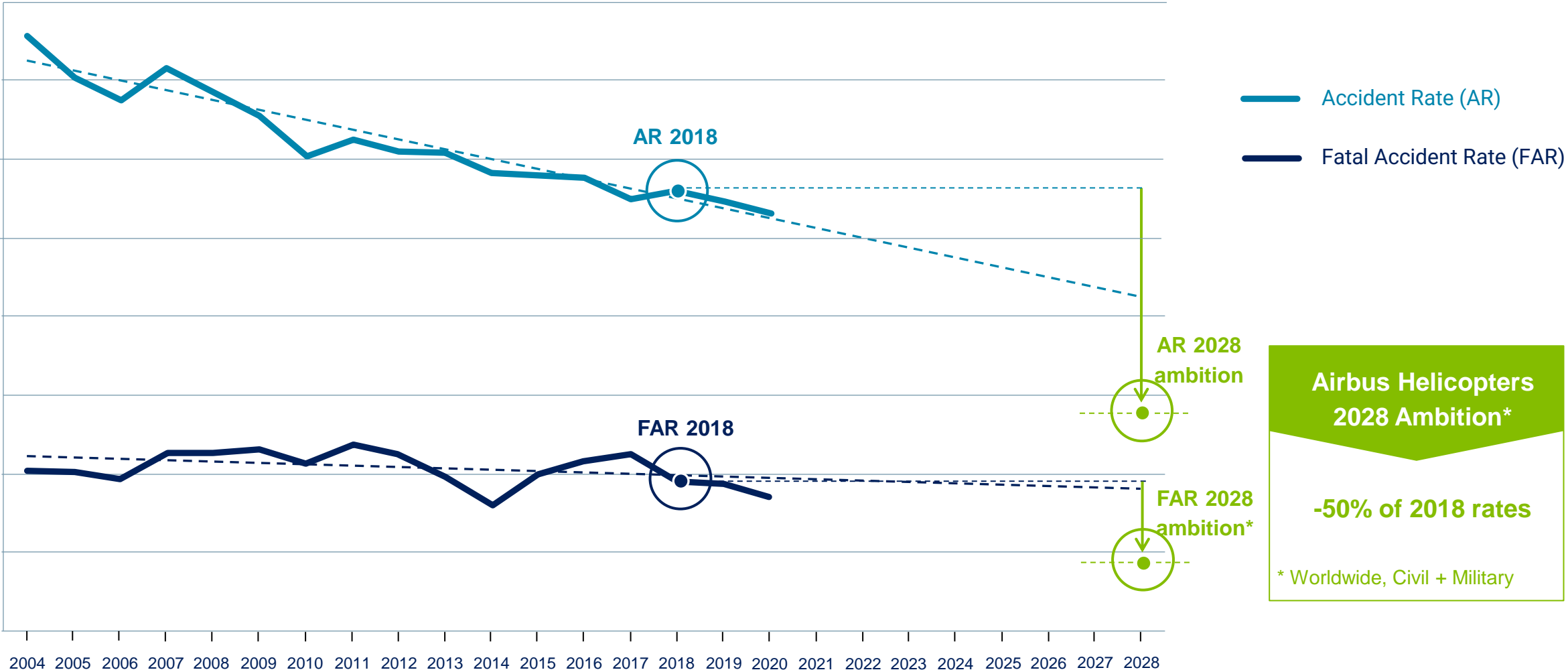
0 technical

contribution
to accidents
(technical
contribution / root
causes)

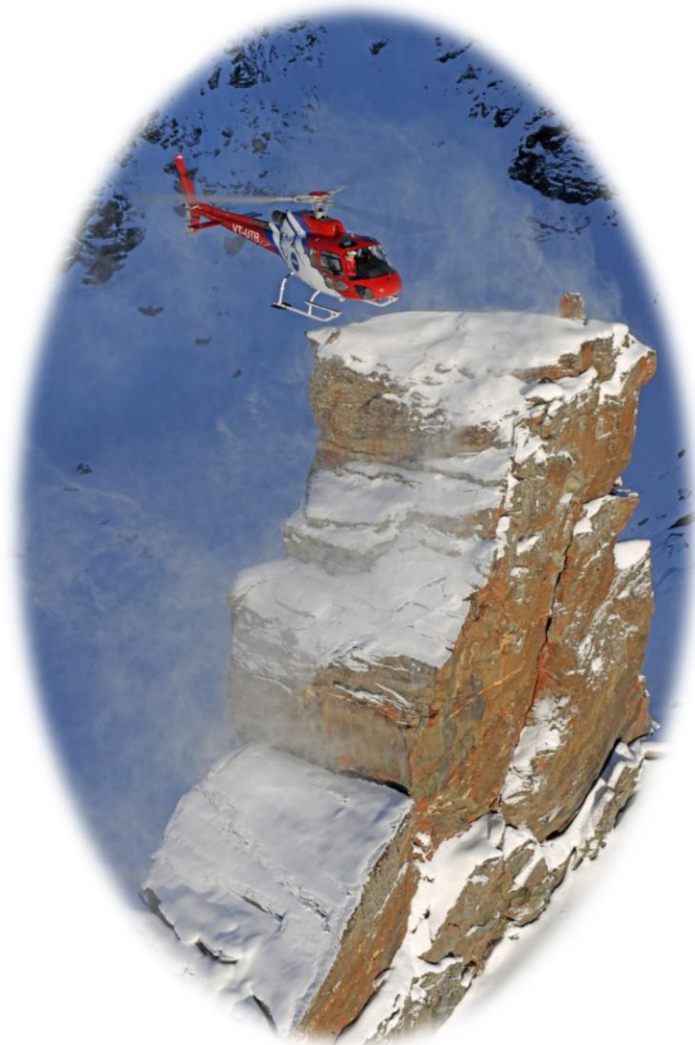
0 fatality /

serious injury
in survivable
accidents

Accident Rate (AR) & Fatal Accident Rate (FAR)



Fleet situation / distribution



~ 85%

Of accidents are due to
operational causes

85%

Operators own less than 5
helicopters

**AH Aviation
Safety Ambition**

-50%

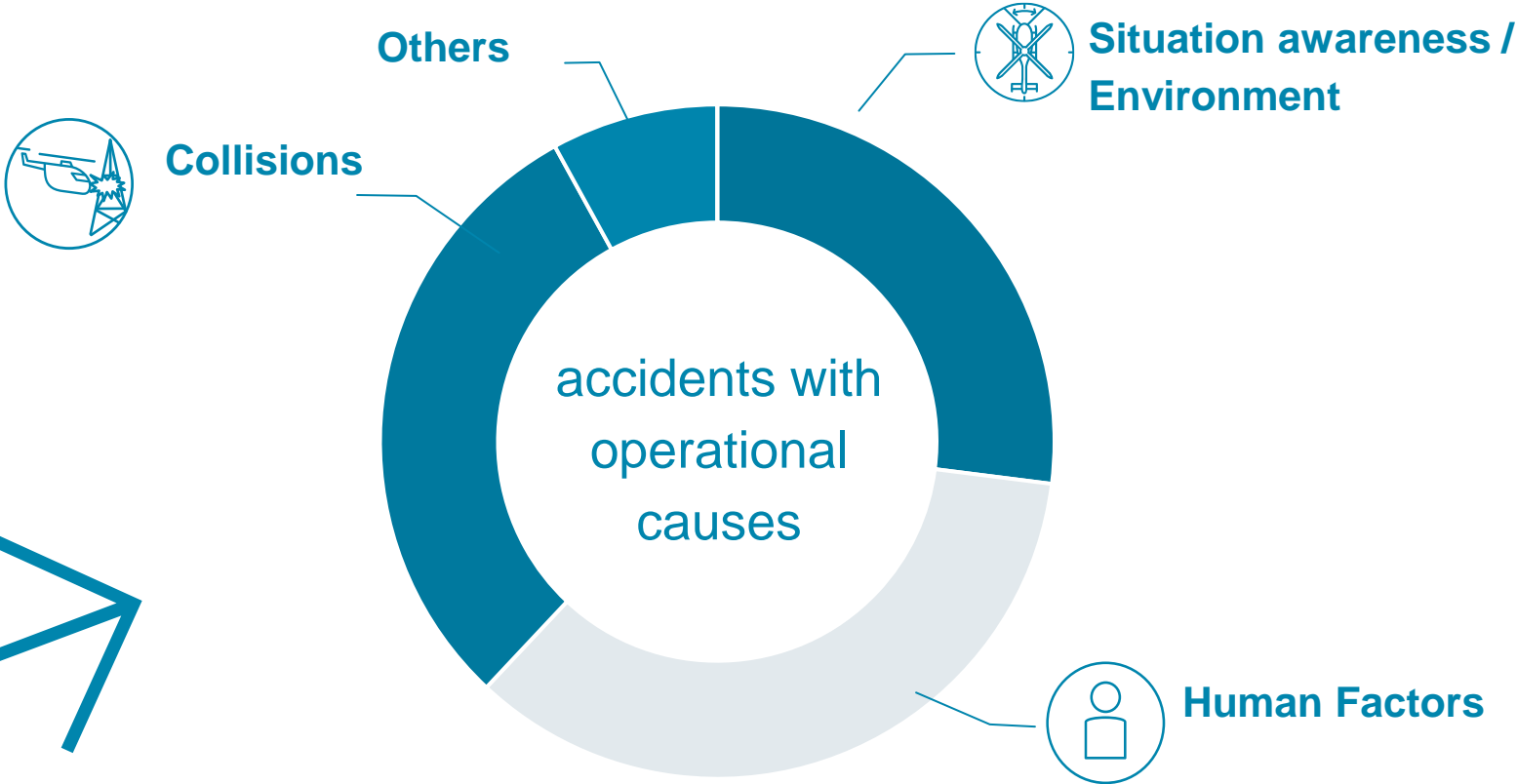
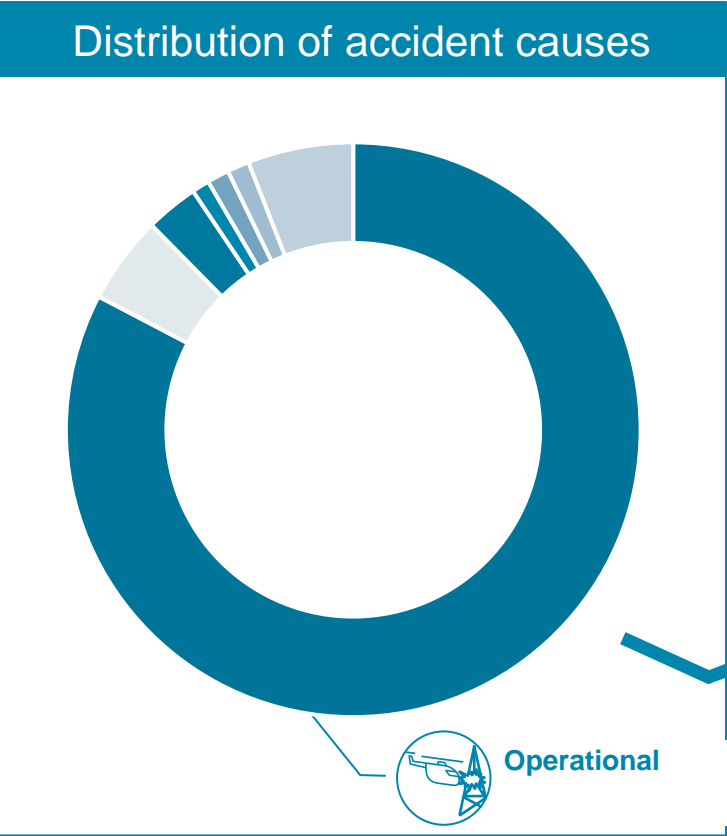
=> Reduction on
operational causes
accidents before 2028

Inadvertent - Instrument Meteorological Conditions (I-IMC) Challenge

Airbus Amber



Accidents statistics - Distribution of operational causes



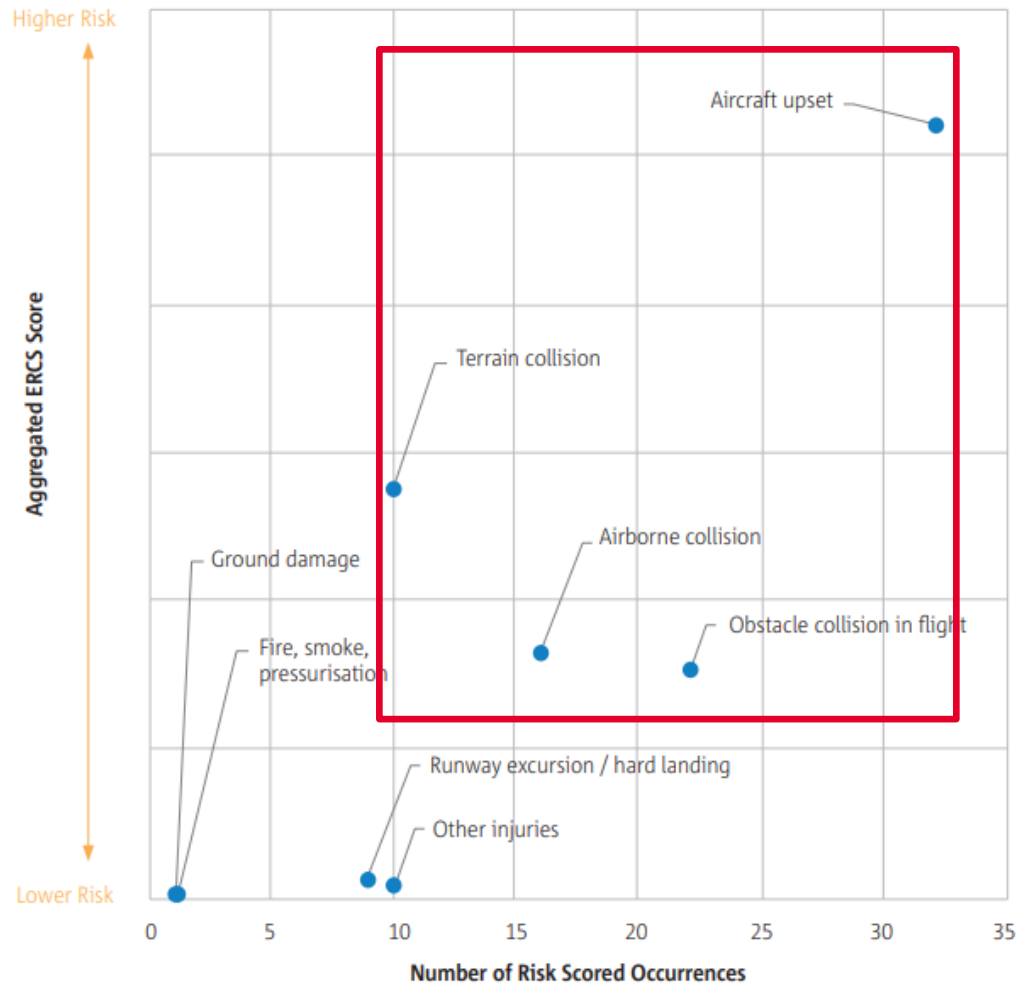
Product Safety

- System and structure designed to a higher standard than required by certification requirement
- Systems designed or added to
 - Increase survivability
 - Increase Situational Awareness
 - Reduce pilot's work load
 - Preventing by design human errors in flight operations and maintenance



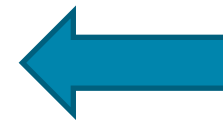
Accident classification – Scored Risk in EASA Area

Figure 69 Key risk areas by aggregated ERCS score and number of risk-scored occurrences, involving commercial air transport helicopters



ERCS high score (CAT):

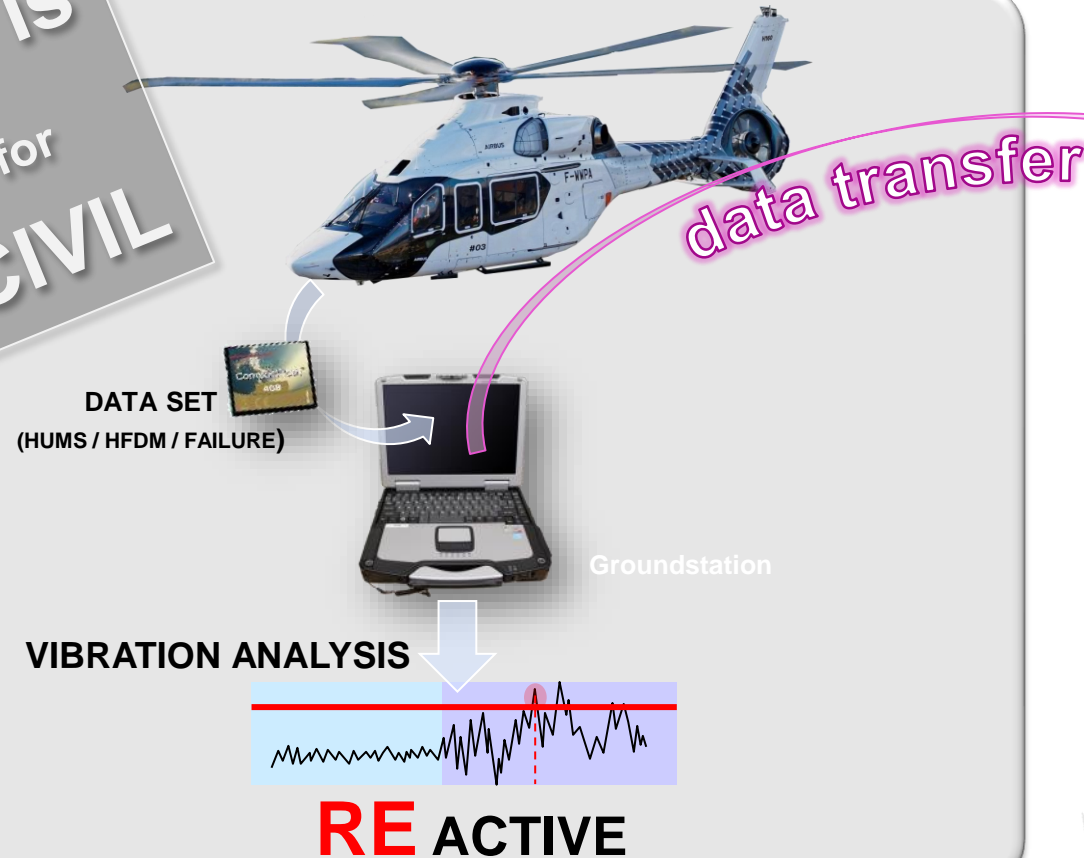
- Aircraft Upset
- Terrain Collision
- Obstacle collision in flight
- Airborne collision



CUSTOMER

AIRBUS HELICOPTERS

As is
for
CIVIL



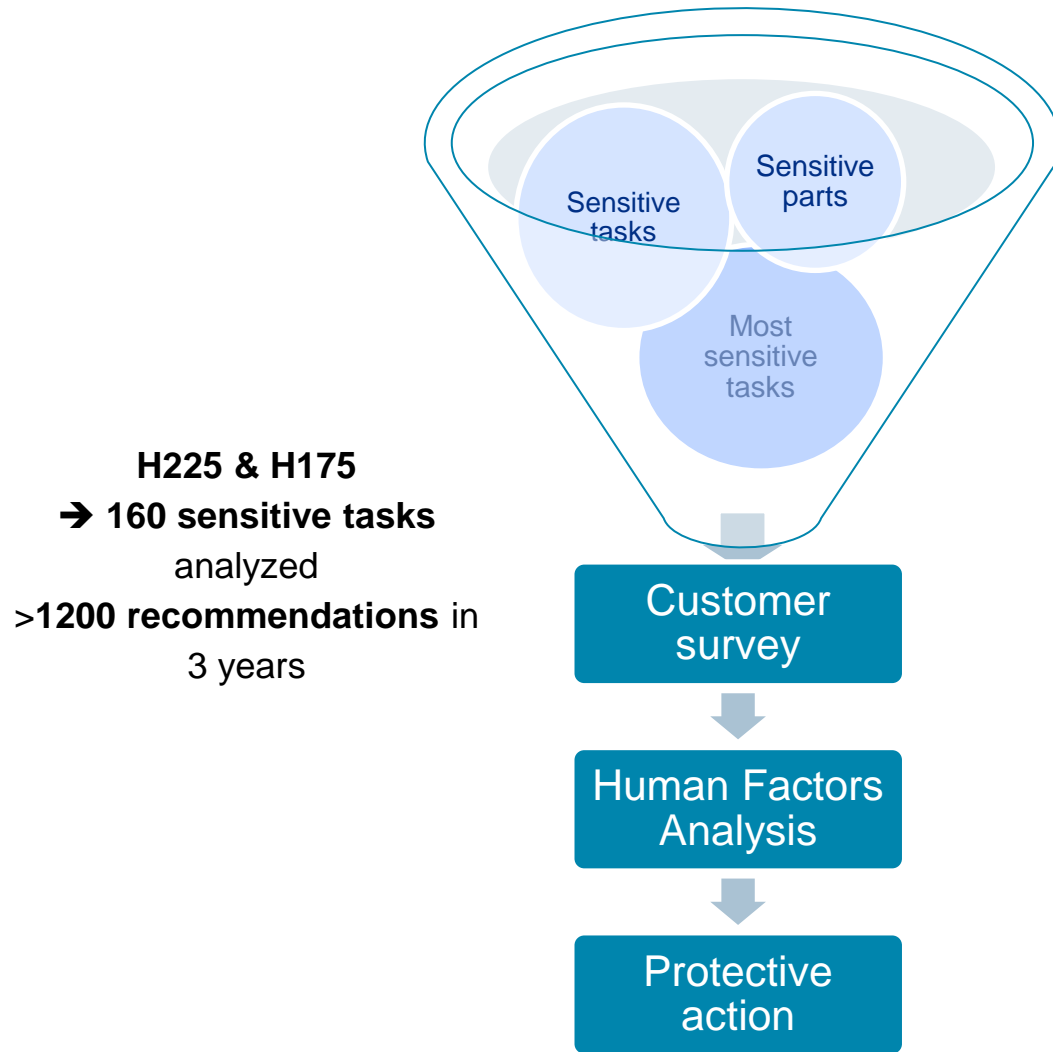
HUMS Services (*)

PRO ACTIVE

'Periodic'
Feedback

(*): Maintenance recommendations proactively provided

Maintenance Human Hazard Analysis – Process description



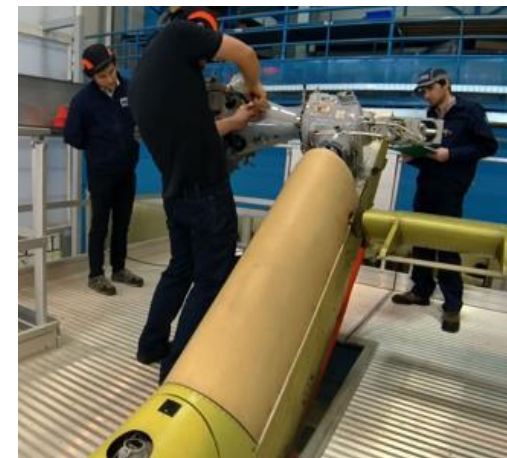
H225 & H175
→ 160 sensitive tasks
 analyzed
>1200 recommendations in
 3 years

CONSEQUENCE →

	No effect	Minor	Major	Hazardous	Catastrophic
very unlikely	1	1	1	2	2
Unlikely	1	2	2	3	3
Possible	1	2	3	3	4
Likely	1	3	3	4	4
Almost certain	1	3	4	4	5

LIKELIHOOD THAT CONTROL MEASURES COULD FAIL ↓

Global score used for addressing the risk
 (Frequency & Occurrence)



International standard
 published in may 2021

*MT = Maintenance Task

CRASH RESISTANT FUEL SYSTEM

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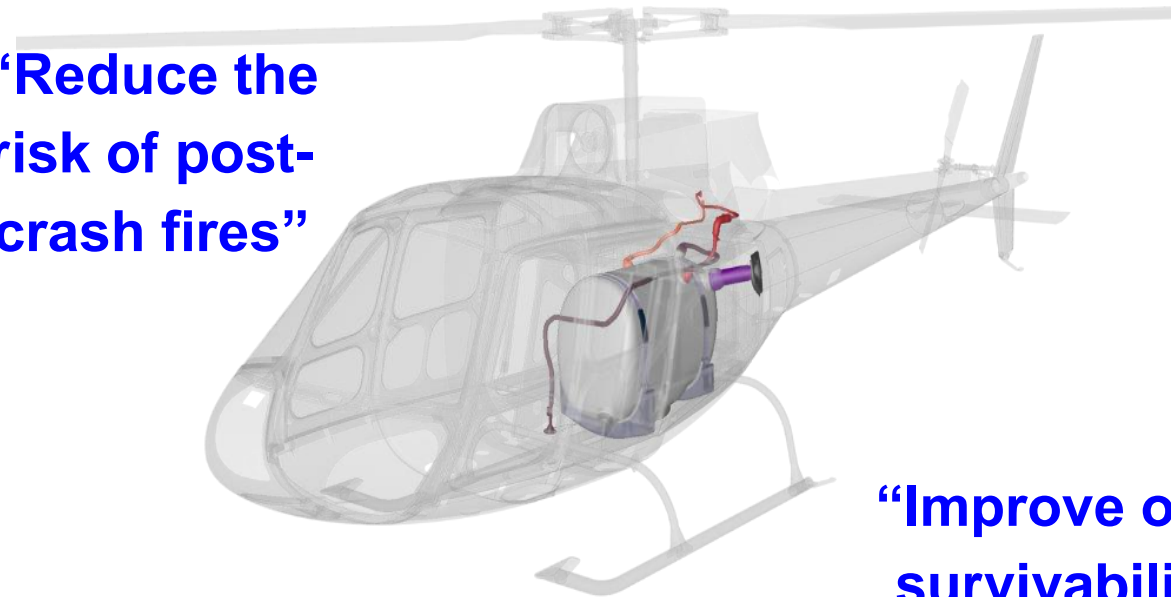


Installed on all new H125 and H130

Highly recommended for retrofit, available from Airbus and an STC from



“Reduce the risk of post-crash fires”



“Improve occupant survivability in an accident”

FAA SAIB SW-17-23: Installation of a Crash Resistant Fuel System compliant with FAR § 27.952 is not required to correct an unsafe condition, but such installation will reduce the risk of post-crash fires and improve occupant survivability in an accident”

AIRBUS

A complete new certified⁽¹⁾ crash resistant fuel tank

with a rubber bladder fitted inside an aluminium fairing

compliant FAR/CS

27.952

specification

Automation and Situational Awareness – focus on Light Helicopters

Available and mature flight deck technologies – prime additions to Light Helicopters as top safety enhancers:

- **Garmin G500H TXI display system:**
 - Data-derived terrain and obstacle detection systems*
 - Synthetic Vision Systems (SVS)*

Are integrated into the H125, baseline for new helicopters and available as retrofit
- **Garmin GFC 600H Autopilot:**
 - Automatic Flight Control Systems (AFCS)*, including automatic level mode ('Panic Button'), electronic stability protection and hover assist

Shortly before EASA STC certification, then available both for new H125 and retrofit



- Verbatim from : IHSF Compiles Technology List Focused on Reducing Helicopter Accidents, August 2020

VORTEX Indication - Certified on H160 and ongoing on other Helionix types

Pre-Vortex condition:

VORTEX

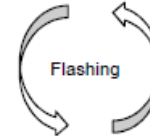
Constant amber msg



+ aural alert 'CHECK POWER' every 3s

Vortex condition:

VORTEX



VORTEX

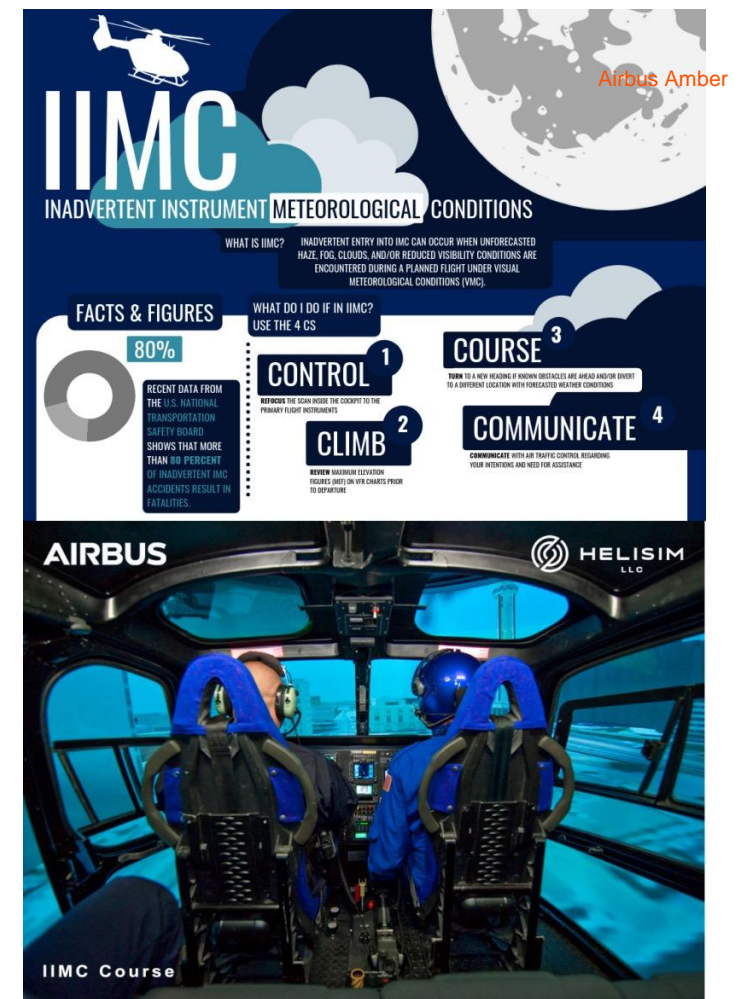
Flashing red msg



+ aural alert 'VORTEX' every 3s

Specialized Trainings

- Offering **a dedicated Inadvertent Instrument Meteorological Conditions (IIMC) training course**
- Preparing and offering **pre-entry courses**
- Offering **training and simulator centers around the world**
- Aviation Safety **Roadshows**
- **Ground Rescue Booklet & e-learning**



For reaching the Aviation Safety Ambition, we have together to:

- Follow a common consistent strategy / roadmap
Product Safety & Operational Aviation Safety
- Focus on all operational and technological aspects with improvement potential for Aviation Safety



To succeed all stakeholders (Operator, End-User, Authorities, Manufacturer,...)
need to pull in one direction!

Thank you