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Agenda Item 10: Updates from Safety Partners

**Feedback from EASA following implementation of its safety capacity
building activities under the 2025 work plan**

(Presented by the European Union Aviation Safety Agency-EASA)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This paper presents feedback from the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) on its collaboration with COSCAP-SEA under the 2025 safety work plan. It proposes enhancements to avoid duplication, ensure coherence, and maximise the impact of collective efforts. These suggestions are offered in a collegial spirit of partnership and aim to reinforce EASA's shared commitment to advancing aviation safety in the region.

Action: The Steering Committee is invited to:

- a) Consider the feedback presented by EASA.
- b) Share its own reflections and recommendations; and
- c) Endorse the proposed refinements for consideration by the SCOPE APP Project Management Board as part of the 2026 work plan.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) is implementing the EU-funded Aviation Partnership Project (APP) under the EU-ASEAN Sustainable Connectivity Package (SCOPE). The project promotes safe, sustainable, and resilient air transport within ASEAN and between ASEAN and the European Union.

1.2 While the SCOPE APP focuses on ASEAN Member States and Timor-Leste, participation by other Asia-Pacific States in regional activities is welcomed, subject to host organisation approval.

1.3 The SCOPE APP's expected outcomes include:

- Enhanced *cooperation* on civil aviation between the EU, ASEAN States, and other relevant stakeholders.
- Improved civil aviation *safety* in the ASEAN region.
- Improved civil aviation environmental *sustainability* in the ASEAN region.
- Strengthened *resilience* of civil aviation to shocks and disruptions in ASEAN countries.

1.4 EASA is committed to implementing the SCOPE APP in close coordination with regional mechanisms such as COSCAP-SEA to avoid duplication, ensure coherence, and maximise the impact of collective efforts. This document outlines feedback on the implementation of safety-related activities under the 2025 SCOPE APP work plan and offers suggestions for future collaboration.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The overarching objective of COSCAP-SEA and its partners is to support sustainable improvements in aviation safety across Southeast Asia, particularly by strengthening national oversight capabilities. The programme's success relies on building robust institutions, elevating technical standards, and cultivating a strong safety culture across the region.

2.2 Following consultations with COSCAP-SEA Member States, Safety Partners, and the Chief Technical Advisor, EASA identified a set of priority themes for 2025. These were selected to complement existing efforts and align with regional priorities and were delivered through targeted workshops.

2.3 While EASA remains committed to responsiveness, it also recognises the importance of structured coordination, given the number and diversity of stakeholders involved. The following recommendations are offered to support more effective collaboration.

Programming

2.4 **Articulation of Common Priorities:** Early and clear communication of strategic priorities by COSCAP-SEA Member States would assist in aligning planning cycles and facilitating better coordination across programmes.

2.5 **Regional Consistency:** Closer alignment with the ICAO Asia-Pacific Regional Aviation Safety Plan and coordination with the Asia-Pacific Regional Aviation Safety Team would help ensure that regional efforts reinforce global frameworks.

2.6 **Mid-Year Partner Exchange:** EASA proposes a regular mid-year coordination meeting involving all COSCAP-SEA Safety Partners, to improve strategic alignment, share lessons learned, and plan upcoming activities more effectively.

Technical Content

2.7 **Tailored, Operational Focus:** Emphasis should be placed on practical, role-specific training for regulatory personnel, grounded in operational realities and challenges. Key areas include:

- Addressing institutional and organisational constraints.
- Implementing performance-based oversight models.
- Applying inspector competency frameworks; and
- Facilitating cross-border regulatory cooperation.

Implementation

2.8 **Support from Member States:** EASA encourages COSCAP-SEA Member States to facilitate participation by ensuring timely travel approval, expert nomination, and allocation of necessary resources for those best placed to benefit from the activities.

2.9 Use of Regional Venues: Hosting activities within the region helps build national capacity, reduces costs, increases inclusivity, and enhances international visibility for the host country.

2.10 Lesson Sharing Mechanism: A structured approach to share lessons learned from past activities – whether conducted by COSCAP-SEA or other partners – would help foster synergies, improve effectiveness, and reduce the risk of duplication.

2.11 EASA welcomes the perspectives of COSCAP-SEA Member States, Safety Partners, and the Chief Technical Advisor on these proposals and stands ready to adapt them in line with regional expectations and evolving priorities.

3. **CONCLUSION**

3.1 Through this contribution, EASA reaffirms its commitment to working hand-in-hand with COSCAP-SEA stakeholders to achieve sustained safety improvements across the region. The proposals aim to support a pragmatic, forward-looking approach that enhances coordination, complements existing initiatives, and reinforces the collective impact of regional safety efforts.

3.2 The Steering Committee is kindly invited to provide its views on the proposed approach. Feedback received will be considered by the SCOPE APP Project Management Board for inclusion in the 2026 work plan.

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