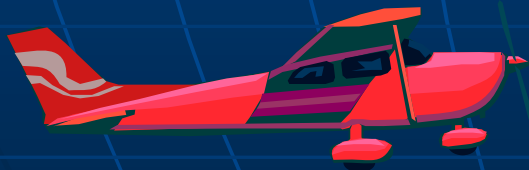




# **International Council of Aircraft Owner and Pilot Associations**

# IAOPA

- Chicago Convention of 1944
- Civil aviation meant “airlines”
- IAOPA formed in 1962
- ICAO Observers in 1964
- Now 66 affiliates and 470,000 members worldwide.



# What Is General Aviation?



*All civil aviation except  
aerial work  
and  
commercial air transport*



# What is GA?



***Business and  
Corporate Travel***

# What is GA?

## *Personal/Family Transportation*





# What is GA?

## *Recreation and Fun*



# What is GA?



*Training*

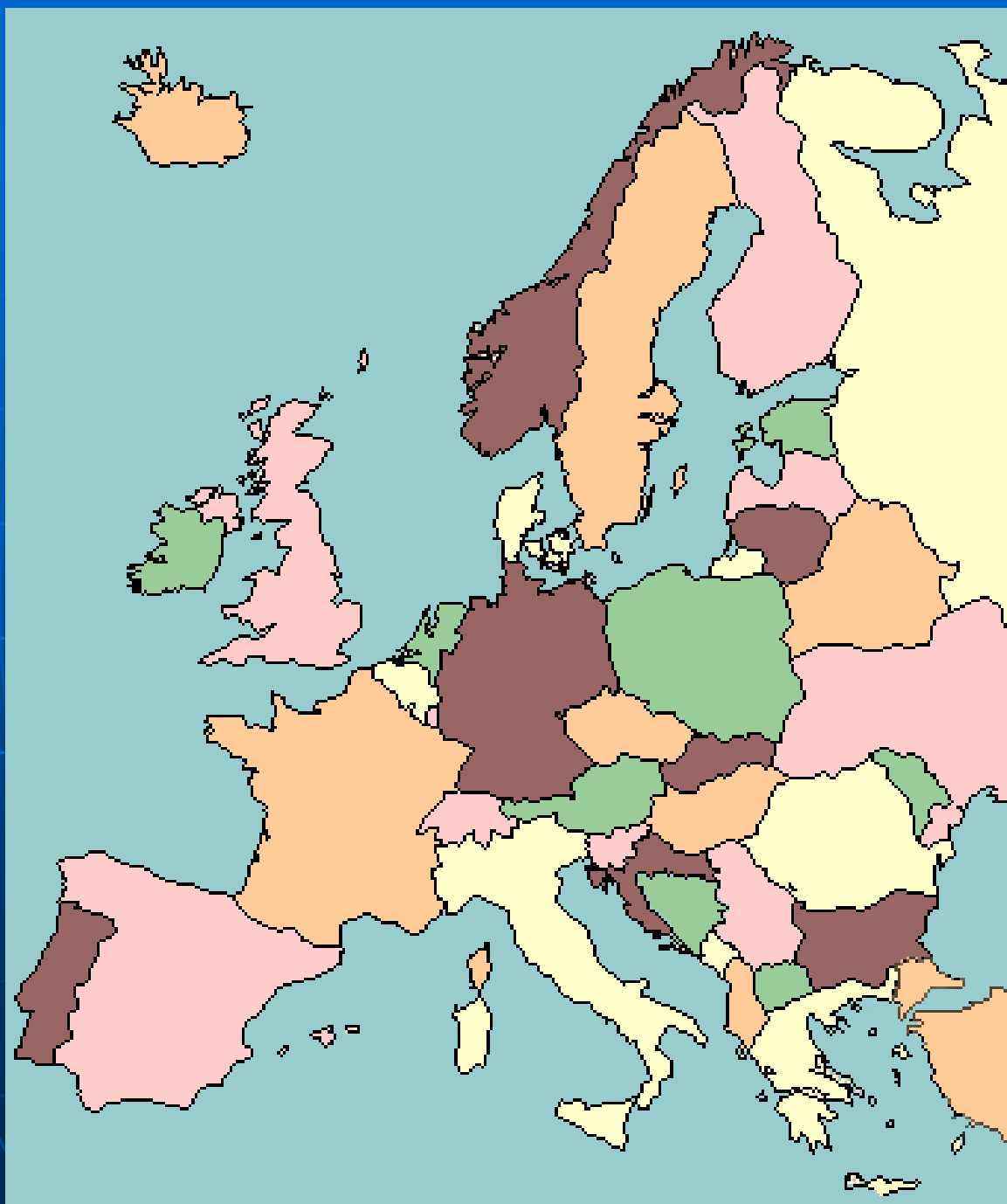


# Current Status

- Many private pilots speak some English --
  - Very few are at level 4
- New private pilots starts **down 60 %** in past 10 years –
  - Increasing costs
  - Increasing restrictions
- Language proficiency may prove fatal to GA in Europe.







# Language Proficiency



- **Level 4 difficult to attain without substantial training and practice**
- **Testing facilities may not be readily available**
- **Testing costs may be excessive**
- **...all for a skill that is not perceived as necessary for most private pilot activities.**

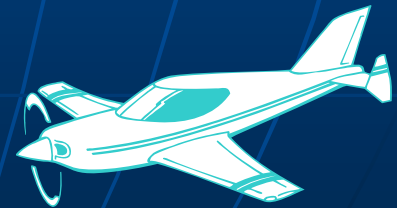
# Readiness to Test



- **Informal survey of IAOPA affiliates revealed –**
  - **Most states are not ready to test**
  - **Some have not begun to plan**
  - **A wide range of testing schemes will be employed**
  - **Uncertainty exists among states.**

# Consequences

- **Uneven testing standards among states –**
  - **Poorly qualified aviation personnel**
  - **False sense of security**
  - **Unsafe operating conditions**
- **Last minute rush to qualify**
- **Inadequate facilities**
- **High testing fees**
- **Inequity for users.**



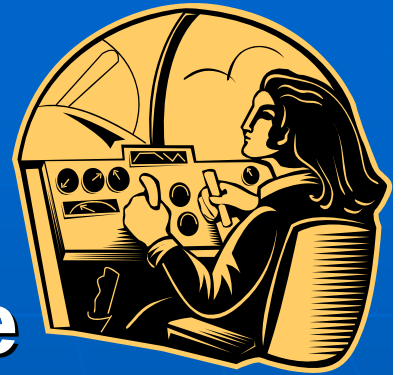
# Options



- **Delay implementation --**
  - **Devise a range of acceptable standards**
  - **Allow states to prepare**
- **Phase-in implementation –**
  - **Critical personnel first**
  - **Others later**
- **Qualify aviation personnel to act as examiners.**



# More Options



- **Grandfather existing private pilots –**
  - Reduce pressure on testing system
  - Permit less critical personnel to continue using the system
  - Procedure permitted under ICAO
- **Exempt private pilots from requirement –**
  - When operation in non-critical airspace.

# Considerations

- **Consider the impact of this standard on private pilots**
- **Consider realistic options that will deliver –**
  - **Safety**
  - **Effectiveness**
  - **Efficiency.**



# Final Thoughts ...

- Will implementation of ICAO language proficiency standards in your state –
  - Meet ICAO objectives?
  - Be done professionally?
  - Enhance safety?
- If not, consider the alternatives
- The future of **international general aviation** may depend on your answers.





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