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## **Aviation industry welcomes call for enhanced US-EU alignment**

The transatlantic partnership is foundational to a safe, efficient and sustainable global aviation industry. The undersigned associations, representing key European and American stakeholders in the aviation industry, welcome the call for even greater US-EU coordination on aviation safety and innovation priorities made during the 2024 FAA-EASA International Aviation Safety Conference – it is more critical than ever that the EU and US ensure a coordinated approach with these priorities in mind.

### Improve safety and industry efficiency

Our collective priority is to ensure the highest level of aviation safety, with clear and consistent standards, a high level of trust in products, and solid information sharing processes. The existing EU-US bilateral aviation safety agreement (BASA) is a key tool to ensure this objective is achieved and events such as this safety conference help to share best practices.

This close cooperation is also essential to avoid duplication of work and provide predictable timelines to bring products to the market (both for certification and validation processes). At a time where supply chains are stretched and demand remains high, the EU-US aviation industry would welcome more certainty around the timeline of these processes. This would in turn support operators' fleet management both in the U.S. and the EU and improve competitiveness of our respective aviation sectors.

### Enhance sustainability

US- and EU-based aviation companies have committed to sustainable aviation and net-zero emissions by 2050. This goal can only be realized by working with the regulators and ensuring a globally consistent approach to regulation and certification standards. The FAA and EASA are in a unique position to establish a harmonized regulatory framework that enables the aviation sector to make good on its ambition to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050.

### Support innovation

Promoting regulatory efficiencies on both sides of the Atlantic is particularly important as new entrants join the system. The developing landscape around Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) is an opportunity ripe for increased transatlantic coordination that will ensure global scale without negative effects on civil aviation safety and efficiency in a resource-constrained environment. We also support an open market for these products, which would reinforce the competitiveness of this segment of our aviation sectors.

Efforts between the FAA and EASA to rethink aviation connectivity are a step in the right direction and lay the groundwork for a modernized and harmonized system that improves air traffic management (ATM) for today's products but also the products of the future. We welcome building on this foundation through SESAR and Nextgen.



Prepare the workforce for the future

Government and industry must work together to ensure that the different representatives from the aerospace sector have the right people with the right skills at the right time. As technology and processes continue to evolve, we must have a workforce that can operate in both new and legacy environments. We must take every opportunity to promote the appeal and opportunities of the aerospace industry.

As industry, we stand ready to support the US-EU alignment as we enter this new era of collaboration.

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