



EASA PROPOSES RULES FOR VTOL OPERATIONS, INCLUDING AIR TAXIS

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EASA has proposed rules for safe operations of VTOL, which includes air taxis, paving the way for these innovative aircraft to take to the skies in Europe’s cities. The [Opinion](#) introduces a comprehensive set of operational requirements for piloted electric air taxis, spanning the domains of operations, flight crew licensing, rules of the air and air traffic management. The proposed rules also establish criteria and processes for the certification and maintenance of drones.

EASA Executive Director Patrick Ky, commented: “I am happy to release this Opinion to the European Commission, which is once again the first proposal on this topic to be issued world-wide. With this, we will achieve a harmonised regulatory framework to ensure the safe, sustainable, and secure introduction of VTOL operations. This is the last piece of regulation required to enable the launch of VTOL and air taxi services for Innovative Air Mobility. Once this has passed into law, individual manufacturers and operators will of course need to obtain all the required approvals from various authorities, but the framework rules for these operations will be

complete.”

Once adopted, this [Opinion](#) will complement already existing EU regulations and guidance material for operations of unmanned aircraft, specifications for vertiport design, unmanned traffic management known in Europe as U-space, and the certification of VTOL-capable aircraft. The proposals had initially been published for public comment from June-September 2022.

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