

ARINC IA Project Initiation/Modification (APIM)

Name of proposed project

APIM #: 99-200

EASA FSTD Technical Group

Suggested Subcommittee assignment

The EASA FSTD Technical Group (EFTeG) provides an open forum for flight simulation industry professionals to discuss technical and regulatory related topics with European aviation regulators (EASA, other NAAs).

Project Scope

The meeting provides simulator operators who are subject to the European Aviation Safety Agency's regulatory requirements an opportunity to discuss technical and regulatory issues in an informal forum. This dialogue between the operators and EASA representatives is intended to promote a common understanding of the current and future regulatory arena.

Prior to the meeting, a list of discussion topics and questions are given to EASA representatives to prepare for the meeting. At the meeting, the existing list of items is clarified, with new items incorporated for discussion on the second day.

Project Benefit

The EFTeG benefits the industry through the open exchange of ideas, concepts, and actions. The dialogue in the meeting is the benefit.

EASA has stated that they like the interaction with the industry in the informal manner. It allows them to speak more freely, without potentially harming the EASA official stance.

The attendees all find great value in the discussions, learning how other operators implement repairs and procedures, planning operations, and scheduling for regulatory visits.

Ultimately, this communication directly contributes to improving operations, training, and safety of air travel.

Companies Supporting This Issue

Initially the companies represented below came from the FSEMC Steering Committee. In general, the EFTeG has received great reviews from many more about the meeting.

Boeing	Airbus	FlightSafety Int'l
FedEx	Lufthansa	Rockwell Collins
AAL	CAE	TRU Simulation + Training
ANA	L-3	EgyptAir
Air Canada	KLM	LMCFT

Issues to be worked

The scheduling, planning, and coordination for the EFTeG largely falls on the ARINC IA staff. These include:

- Coordination of date for meeting.
- Coordination with EASA for conference space reservations.
- Publishing of meeting announcement (preferably prior to the Autumn FSEMC Conference)
- Collection of general notes, slides, papers, etc.
- Publishing of a very high-level meeting report, documenting attendance, presenters, and general topics discussed.

The execution of the meeting is relatively simple. EASA allows the use of their conference space (historically in Cologne) and the ARINC IA Staff facilitate the meeting, supporting the EFTeG Chairperson (individual from the FSEMC Steering Committee).

Recommended Coordination with other groups

The group coordinates with regulatory authorities, avionics supplier's airframe manufacturers, airlines and operators, TDMs, and others.

Projects/programs supported by work

Simulator operations and maintenance governed by EASA

Timetable for projects/programs

Open project, subject to FSEMC Steering Oversight

Documents to be produced and date of expected result

No expected deliverables. Potential for presentations and whitepapers each meeting.

Comments

None

Meetings

The following table identifies the number of meetings and proposed meeting days needed to produce the documents described above.

Activity	Mtgs	Mtg-Days	Docs
EFTeG	1 per year	2	Open

For IA staff use

Date Received IA staff assigned: **Staff**

Potential impact:

(A. Safety B. Regulatory C. New aircraft/system D. Other)

Forward to committee(s) (AEEC, AMC, FSEMC): **FSEMC** Date Forward:

Committee resolution: **1**____

(0. Withdrawn 1. Authorized 2. Deferred 3. More detail needed 4. Rejected)

Assigned Priority: ____ Date of Resolution:

A. – High (execute first) B. – Normal (may be deferred for A.)

Assigned to SC/WG **EFTeG**