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Subject: Efficiency and competitiveness of the European aviation certification system

The European aviation sector is a key pillar of industrial competitiveness and innovation. Recent international and European analyses, including work by the US Government Accountability Office and the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), point to increasing complexity in certification and validation processes, as well as capacity constraints and growing demands linked to emerging technologies such as hydrogen propulsion, advanced air mobility and artificial intelligence.

In this context, concerns have been raised about the efficiency, predictability and global competitiveness of the European certification framework, including the interaction between EASA and national authorities.

1. How does the Commission assess the efficiency and coherence of the current European aviation certification framework, in particular with regard to the division of responsibilities between EASA and national authorities?

2. Does the Commission consider that existing measures sufficiently address capacity constraints and process complexity, including in relation to emerging technologies?

3. What further action is the Commission considering to ensure timely certification processes and to strengthen the global competitiveness of the European aviation sector?

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