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Initiative for sustainable security and safety in air travel and for the avoidance of aviation accidents



11 good arguments for a uniform **minimum** qualification standard for aircraft handlers in the EU

Initiative for sustainable security and safety in air travel and for the avoidance of aviation accidents – ensuring high safety and security standards through the aircraft ground handler

Why does something have to be done?

To ensure that the objectives of the EU for safety, security and efficiency in air transportation can be achieved in the long term, and that the more than 700 million passengers in the EU can continue to fly safely and without disruptions.

What must be done?

The EU must adopt mandatory minimum qualification standards for aircraft handlers in the EU

The basis: The EU objectives for safety, security and efficiency in air transportation

Who must do what?

All relevant decision-makers must work to promote, support and energetically advance the initiative in line with the EU objectives.

Costs:

Basically, costs are not important when it comes to the safety of people; however, they are small when compared to the economic and social benefits.

- **The costs should be charged on an expense basis, similar to security fees**

Arguments for an EU standard

- There is **no** minimum standard in the EU
- **Significant improvement** of safety in air transportation **without interfering with** competition
- **Avoidance and reduction of damage** through ground handling (IATA estimate - \$4 billion per year)
- **Efficient** ground handling service providers in the EU in the long term
- Quality-driven **and balanced** competition among ground services providers **for the benefit** of airlines
- **Optimal** utilization of existing infrastructure at airports in the EU
- **Reduction or avoidance** of planned or necessary **expansion measures** at airports
- **Avoidance** of unnecessary ground time for airlines and **disruptions** for passengers
- **Improvement of career opportunities** for employees through **recognised EU vocational training**
- Ensuring an end-to-end security and safety concept **on the basis of the EU objectives** for security and safety
- The **improved protection of** the more than **700 million passengers** who fly in the EU every year and trust air travel as the safest mode of transportation

Detailed examination of all relevant factors reveals no disadvantages for the participants

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