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The proposed extension of EASA competence to ATM - ANS safety is supported by CANSO.

The main concern is that the draft proposal will permit EASA to draft Opinions on already agreed EU regulations such as:

- ATCO licence and training requirements
- Parts of the Common Requirements
- Re-defining Essential Requirements of SES Regulations & Interoperability rules

This is based on the principle that air traffic management, airlines and airports are part of the value chain and therefore have to be covered in a total system approach.

Of course we share the general principle of consistency in the aviation value chain, but this has to be seen in a pragmatic way. In air traffic management many important officially agreed EU regulations exist.

1. Proposal – Amendment 17 – article 8b of Regulation 216/2008

Member States have already requested that EASA should ensure continuity and incorporate existing regulations. The only point that we would like to be added is that the changes should be only acceptable if the material safety benefits have been demonstrated.

TRAN Committee amendments	CANSO proposed addition
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