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EASA IS INVITING GA PILOTS

Have you ever wished you were back on the **ground**?

**A Call for Interest to EU PPL(A)/LAPL(A) Pilots to
participate in a VFR into IMC Experience Project**

Introduction

The EASA Safety *Together!* Experience Project



VFR INTO IMC

Weather in general is an important contributing factor to GA accidents. Although there are many other factors and issues that have the potential to cause troubles for pilots in flight, flying VFR into IMC might well be the most deadly trap for non-instrument VFR pilots.

While VFR into IMC is often assumed to be unintentional, accident investigation/reports often indicate a willing decision of pilots to continue the VFR flight into IMC, instead of deciding for alternatives and opting for a safer course of actions. Why is that?

It might be easy to say that you would just turn around or not have taken off at all, but flying cross country in slowly deteriorating weather has a way of luring you into a situation you might not be ready for. And this might happen to any of us.

EASA is looking for **12 representative GA pilots coming from across the EU** of different backgrounds/training/experience to undergo the potential dangers associated with continued **VFR flight into IMC**.

EASA will organise a stimulating **simulator session** and **dedicated workshop** at an ATO in Germany for (initially) 2 groups of 6 pilots. Together we would like to explore the best ways to avoid, mitigate and handle the daunting VFR into IMC situation.

Criteria for Pilots

GENERAL

- You hold a valid PPL(A) license and/or LAPL(A).
- You have either experience in a glass cockpit or traditional analogue cockpit. You might make use of additional navigation aids, like iPad/Tablets, GPS during your normal flying practice.
- Your flying experience is mainly in (day-time) VFR.
- No valid IR at time of application and/or workshop.
- Total flight hours: 50+

PERSONAL

- Age: + 18
- Nationality: European
- Good command of English language (read, write and speak).
- Willingness to travel to Germany (expecting 2 overnights, arriving 1 day before and leaving 1 day after the workshop) and to participate in the EASA project by allowing to be filmed and interviewed for EASA promotional products (video, etc.) as part of the *Safety Together!* campaign VFR into IMC.
- Open to learn and actively engage with the instructors/EASA on the topic, before, during and after the event.
- Willingness to continue to be part of the EASA GA community after the workshop for further future follow up.
- Willingness to submit a personal story on any “close call” you have experienced in your flying career as part of your application. EASA reserves the right to use your story in the wider *Safety Together!* program as part of its ongoing safety promotion activities – even in the case the candidate might not be initially selected for the present workshop.

Remarks



FURTHER PROCEDURES

Based on the received applications EASA will make an initial selection of **12 pilots** meeting above mentioned criteria and having submitted **all requested data**. These pilots will be contacted directly by EASA for further details and planning. A reserve list will be established.

Most likely the EASA simulator sessions and workshops will be held during **13-14 March 2019 (might be subject to change)**. The candidate is expected to be able to travel to Germany the day before the event and return at the end of the workshop or the following day. The exact details will be discussed with the selected pilots.

EASA will commit to directly organise the travels of the candidate to Germany in the most cost effective way as well as his/her overnight stays at a suitable accommodation (directly before and after the workshop).

Any further expenses related to this EASA workshop in Germany need to be taken care of directly by the candidate (for instance adequate travel insurance, etc.).

The participating pilots also **agree to be filmed and interviewed** as part of a safety promotion video.

By applying to this workshop the candidate shows his willingness to be continuously part of EASA's Safety Promotion actions through the *Safety Together!* initiative for General Aviation. His/her data might be further used in a generalised manner to support other Safety Promotion activities. EASA might further contact pilots directly for possible other future Safety Promotion actions and workshops.

The general data protection laws applicable to EASA will be upheld. Please also refer to the Privacy Statement related to the Processing of personal data on the occasion of an EASA *Safety Together!* Project for General Aviation related to weather: VFR into IMC.

Save the date

THIS IS PLANNED FOR THE 13 - 14 MARCH 2019**

CONTRIBUTE TO IMPROVING GA SAFETY IN YOUR OWN PERSONAL WAY AND BECOME PART OF THIS UNIQUE *EASA SAFETY TOGETHER!* EXPERIENCE PROJECT.

CHECK THE CONDITIONS AND SEND IN YOUR COMPLETE APPLICATION WITH ALL REQUIRED DATA BEFORE *25TH OF JANUARY 2019*

TO: *SAFETYPROMOTION@EASA.EUROPA.EU*

SUBJECT: *VFR INTO IMC*

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