

MEETING SUMMARY

ENCASIA WORKING GROUP 2 (Inventory of best practices of investigation in Europe)

BRUSSELS, 2&3 APRIL 2014

On 2-3 April 2014, WG2 met to continue its inventory of best practices in relation to safety investigations in Europe. FR chaired the meeting with the participation of DE, HU, PL, SE and the European Commission. IT could not attend.

The main document of "best/good practices" was reviewed. It was agreed to rephrase the introduction to take into account sources of information additional to our questionnaire and additional information in the summary of the works performed. The consistency of the definitions was checked with the ENCASIA annual report. Minor discrepancies were noted and will be updated accordingly.

On the topic "decision to open an investigation", the scope was initially limited to decision to incident/serious incident classification. The scope was enlarged to the global response to initial information about an occurrence. A list of question was drafted as a possible generic good practice.

Regarding the subject "dealing with CVR information" (erasing or not erasing before returning to the operator), it was agreed to collect more practices and legal background information among European SIAs before submitting the results to ENCASIA. The legality of erasing a CVR represents a question that goes beyond the mandate of WG2.

On the topic, "organising the consultation phase of a report", the proposed drafts were jointly reviewed. The parts dedicated to assessing the risk of a leak have been simplified. The template letter for calling an ACCREP for comments was also reviewed. It was agreed to request examples of letters from AAIB and AAIU in order to elaborate other models of letters. EASA and ICAO will also be contacted to get information about their projects to set up a library of investigation reports.

Regarding the section on "Health and Safety on an accident site", it was agreed to further develop these procedures. The Commission will take care of the translation of the Swedish procedures on this subject, in particular on the assessment of risks prior to defining a list of equipment for investigators.

Sweden provided information about the Nordic WG activity. Some valuable information was made available about some practices used by Canada, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden as well as about a table-top exercise that will be organised in Norway in September 2014.

WG2 will hold a teleconference in June (second week) to prepare the meeting with the heads of the ENCASIA working groups and to identify the sections of the WG2 document to be discussed during the plenary meeting scheduled in September 2014.
