

**Question for written answer P-005701/2015  
to the Commission  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Air safety in the EU

The European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) is responsible for managing air safety in within the European Union, with oversight of Member States' own aviation safety agencies forming one of its duties. These national agencies continue to enjoy a certain degree of autonomy, however, which means that in some cases the EASA is obliged to contact Member States officially to ask them to ensure these agencies comply with safety rules.

According to information published in the Wall Street Journal<sup>1</sup>, the EASA had occasion last November to reprimand the German aviation safety agency, the Luftfahrt-Bundesamt (LBA), and nor was this for the first time in recent years. This fact is especially noteworthy in view of the recent plane crash in the Alps and I would therefore like to know:

- What instruments does the EASA have at its disposal to ensure rules on air safety are complied with in Member States?
- What role has the EASA had in the investigation into the plane crash in the Alps?
- What information has the EASA managed to obtain about this crash?

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.wsj.com/articles/eu-rebuked-germany-for-lax-airline-oversight-1428094581>