



News Report from Philip Bradbourn MEP

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Local Euro MP: Clip the European Aviation Safety Agency's wings

Local Conservative MEP for the West Midlands, Philip Bradbourn, led the most robust attack to date against the expanding power and competence of EASA the European Aviation Safety Agency, and has called for a full hearing to audit their role and budgetary costs.

Speaking from Brussels, Mr Bradbourn, a senior member of the European Parliament's Transport Committee said:

"EASA continues to expand its influence onto areas which should not fall within the remit of a European safety agency. It is continuing to increase its spending and bureaucracy, and is imposing greater restrictions and costs on businesses.

The latest in a long line of this agency's power grabbing is its proposals to regulate gliding which hitherto has been a largely and successfully self regulated hobby for enthusiasts. Many of my constituents who follow this activity are angered by the extra costs which new regulations will add unnecessarily to their pursuit.

There is a large, cross-party consensus between MEPs from numerous Member States calling for a full enquiry to be convened so that EASA can be held to account for their sky-rocketing budget and over-expansion in their areas of competence. "

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