



AEDs MUST BE MANDATORY IN EUROPEAN AIRSPACE

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Recognising:

- AEDs (automated external defibrillators) are medical devices used in the treatment of cardiac arrests;
- Time is crucial when it comes to resuscitations. With each passing minute, the chances of survival from a cardiac arrest drop by 10%; defibrillation must be applied as soon as possible;
- Today, AEDs are not mandatory on airplanes flying within European airspace. In contrast, the U.S. has required that AEDs be available on most passenger aircraft for more than a decade.

Acknowledging:

- On average, it takes 15-20 minutes from declaring a medical emergency on board an aircraft in cruising altitude until medical emergency personnel enters the airplane after an emergency landing;
- AEDs are easy to use and can be applied by bystanders without any medical training. According to aviation rules, flight attendants have to be trained in handling medical emergencies. It is easy and takes just a short time to train flight attendants in the use of AEDs;
- Sudden cardiac death is a frequent cause of death in the western world. Cardiac arrest can occur anywhere and anytime; sudden cardiac death can also occur in young people.

YEPP calls on:

- The European Commission, the EPP Presidency and the EASA (European Aviation Safety Agency) to advocate an update of the implementing rule of regulation 965 and to make AEDs, maintenance of equipment annually and training of staff mandatory on all aircraft in the airspace of the European Union.