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“Crisis presents an opportunity for change. The unprecedented crisis in aviation triggered by COVID-19 hit the industry at a significant moment – when it was already under growing pressure to reform to become more sustainable. We need to work together to unleash the hidden opportunities this crisis has presented and leverage them to move towards greater sustainability, while not losing the focus on safety and health safety which is a prerequisite for public confidence in flying. We must be seen by citizens to have their safety at heart in everything we do, as aviation evolves and as unmanned drones become commonplace in our cities.”

Patrick Ky is the Executive Director of EASA. Since 2013 his mission is to further consolidate the role and responsibilities of the Agency and to make the European aviation regulatory system a reliable framework. Before EASA, he was in charge of the SESAR program. He also held various positions in the French Civil Aviation Authority, Eurocontrol, European Commission. He has over 20 years of experience in Civil Aviation. Graduated at Civil Aviation Engineering School in France, he holds degrees in economics from the University of Toulouse and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.