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<b>Safety Recommendation Status:</b>	Implemented, closed

**Safety Recommendation:**

The IAA should promulgate information on the effects of Plan Continuation Bias and on strategies to counter the effects of such biases, particularly in relation to General Aviation.

**Response:**

On 27 November 2024, the IAA informed the AAIU that:

*“1. Safety Recommendation No. IRLD2024002 is formally accepted by the Irish Aviation Authority.*

*2. The following actions will be completed in response to Safety Recommendation No. IRLD2024002.*

*a) A safety promotion leaflet focused on the factors that may lead to "Plan Continuation Bias" will be produced by the IAA and disseminated via the IAA Website, the General Aviation Safety Council of Ireland (GASCI), Approved Flight Schools and Flying Clubs and all General Aviation Airfields.*

*Planned completion date: End Quarter 1 2025.*

*b) An Aeronautical Advisory Memorandum promulgating relevant information on the effects of Plan Continuation Biases and on strategies to counter the effect of such biases shall be produced and promulgated on the IAA website.*

*Planned completion date: End Quarter 1 2025.*

*c) The IAA has engaged with Dublin City University (DCU) (under an existing IAA/DCU Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)) about the possibility of conducting research into "Plan Continuation Bias". The outputs from this research may be used to enhance the Aeronautical Advisory Memoranda promulgated by the IAA on this subject.*

*Planned completion date : End Quarter 2 2026.”*

In a letter dated 9th May 2025, the Irish Aviation Authority (IAA) provided the following update:

*“In order to implement and close AAIU Safety Recommendation No. IRLD2024002 the Irish Aviation Authority has published Aeronautical Advisory Memorandum (OAM) No. 16 PLAN CONTINUATION BIAS promulgating relevant information on the effects of plan continuation biases and on strategies to counter the effect of such biases. This OAM is available*

here: OAM 16 PLAN CONTINUATION BIAS  
[[https://www.iaa.ie/publications/docs/default-source/publications/advisory-memoranda/operations-advisory-memoranda-\(oam\)/oam-16-plan-continuation-bias](https://www.iaa.ie/publications/docs/default-source/publications/advisory-memoranda/operations-advisory-memoranda-(oam)/oam-16-plan-continuation-bias)]

*Please note, that notwithstanding the publishing of OAM 16 to close the aforementioned safety recommendation, the Authority considers this an important safety initiative and will continue work in this area in the coming months, chiefly by :*

- 1. Producing a safety promotion leaflet focused on the factors that may lead to "Plan Continuation Bias" which will be disseminated via the IAA Website, the General Aviation Safety Council of Ireland (GASCI), Approved Flight Schools and Flying Clubs and all General Aviation Airfields.*
- 2. Engaging with Dublin City University (DCU) to assist the conduct of research into "Plan Continuation Bias". The outputs from this research may be used to enhance the Aeronautical Advisory Memoranda promulgated by the IAA on this subject."*

**AAIU Comment:**

The AAIU acknowledges and accepts the actions proposed by the IAA (on 27 November 2024) in response to Safety Recommendation IRLD2024002. The AAIU considers the status of this recommendation to be 'In process of implementation'.

The AAIU acknowledges the IAA's response to Safety Recommendation IRLD2024002 dated 9 May 2025. The AAIU considers the status of this recommendation to be 'Implemented, closed'.