# FAQ of Runway Safety Teams (RST)

**Why establish an RST?**

* The RST constitutes a body of experienced Runway Safety professionals at the airport across all relevant aviation disciplines
* It promotes a collaborative approach by:
  + Exchanging information
  + Jointly developing best practices to manage risks
* The RST improves runway safety outcomes at the airport

**What does an RST do?**

* The RST assesses operational risks specific to the airport
* Proposes mitigations to prevent runway events (incursions, excursions and others)
* Measures and monitors the effectiveness of the mitigations
* Educates and promotes, raising awareness of operational risks among all stakeholders
* The RST is not a decision-making body, but provides recommendations to be implemented as appropriate by the participants

**Who should participate in a RST?**

* At a minimum, the RST should include representatives from:
  + Airport Operator
  + Air Traffic Services Provider
  + Aircraft Operators (Airlines and general aviation)
  + Representatives of associations (pilot, ATS)
* It may also include:
  + The State regulatory authority
  + Military (if applicable)
  + Rescue and Fire Fighting Service
  + Other airfield services (de-icing, ground handling, wildlife control, etc.)
* On invitation, it may second:
  + Subject matter experts

**Where should RST meetings be held?**

* Airport Operators generally host the meetings, at the airport.

**How should the RST be established? (Governance)**

* The RST should elect a chairman to coordinate meetings and other activities
* The chairmanship should not “belong” to any specific domain
* The RST should be chaired by the aerodrome operator

**How often should the RST meet?**

* It should meet regularly to review recurring safety issues and mitigations put in place
* It may be called to address specific safety events or issues identified by RST participants
* The RST should meet if there are any plans to alter the layout of the manoeuvring area
* If construction works are planned on the manoeuvring area (e.g. runway resurfacing)