



Incident to the Airbus A318 registered F-GUGM on 12/09/2020 at Paris-Orly The summary below focuses on flight crew operational procedures.

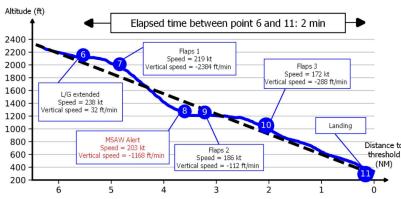
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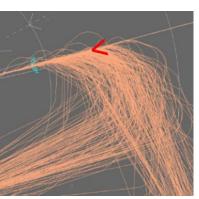
# Non-stabilized approach, activation of MSAW and G/S warnings

## **SCENARIO**

- Low activity (COVID-19)  $\rightarrow$  shortened flight path for ILS approach
- Base leg: in descent, high speed (250 kt selected) + interception from above anticipated
- Established on LOC (AP + A/THR ON): 3,000 ft armed  $\rightarrow$  altitude capture  $\rightarrow$  N1 increase
- $\circ~$  When G/S captured  $\rightarrow$  managed SPD + LDG down + FLAPS 1 as soon as below VFE
- RWY in sight, 220 kt, pitch down action by PF (- 2,800 ft/min)
- Late FMS change to LDG CONF 3 by PM (not monitoring anymore)
- Below glide path: ATM MSAW and EGPWS Glide Slope warnings
- At 1,000 ft: VAPP +78 kt
- At 500 ft: VAPP +26 kt and thrust idle
- o Approach continued until landing

## **CONTRIBUTING FACTORS**





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## to the non-stabilization of the approach

- Decision to perform a high speed approach on a shortened flight path/without specific briefing
- Absence of callouts by the PM (flight path and speed deviation)

Decisions that led to time pressure to the detriment of safety margins, without any operational justification

## to the approach being continued below 500 ft AAL

• crew's lack of knowledge about the risks associated with continuing nonstabilized approaches (RWY overrun, go-around initiated with low N1, etc.)

## **SAFETY LESSONS**

## @Pilots: Adherence to SOPs on approach

- Significant resources required to manage a high energy approach
- o No resources to identify and assess all the associated risks
- o No resources to deal with an unforeseen event
- o SOPs are designed to provide safety margins

## **@Operations managers:** FDM and crew training

- FDM to be set to detect SOPs deviations (→ e.g.: from stabilization altitude to ground)...
- o ... to understand why approaches are not stabilized (→ e.g.: energy management issues during intermediate/final approach)
- o ... and to feed the operator's EBT

