

EUROPEAN AIR LAW ASSOCIATION



13TH LIABILITY SEMINAR

Liability, insurance, passenger rights, litigation and litigation financing
in the air transport industry

Berlin | 3rd February 2023
Steigenberger Hotel at Berlin Airport

EUROPEAN AIR LAW ASSOCIATION (EALA)

13TH LIABILITY SEMINAR

EALA is pleased to invite you to attend its 13th Liability Seminar which will be held at the Steigenberger Airport Hotel Berlin.

Ever since the series of Munich Liability Seminars was started by EALA in 1997 liability developments and claims handling in the air transport and aerospace industries were the focus of these conferences, presented and discussed by leading experts and prominent moderators.

This year the Liability Seminar will be held at the new Berlin Brandenburg Airport (BER) which is named after Willy Brandt. The venue for the conference is the Steigenberger Airport Hotel Berlin, a few steps away from the gates at the Berlin Airport. A conference dinner will be held in the evening of 2nd February 2023 in the revolving restaurant of the Berlin TV Tower, 200m above the city centre of Germany's vibrant capital.

The 13th Liability Seminar will again cover a wide range of topical issues:

- Regulation 261/2004: This panel will provide an update on the efforts to amend the Regulation, litigation involving Reg. 261/2004 and the issue of whether the Regulation applies to business a/c charter operators.
- A presentation will discuss the online enforcement of passenger rights concerning unused fees and taxes in case of voluntary cancellations of flights by passengers
- The liability exposure of aircraft lessors will be examined.
- An innovative approach to litigation financing will be the topic of a presentation discussing the opportunities for potential plaintiffs to find providers of funding through an online platform.
- One panel will deal with operational challenges for airports, airlines and their cockpit crews both during and after the pandemic and the resulting liability exposure and litigation.
- The current status of civil aviation in the Ukraine will be discussed by a Ukrainian expert.
- Insurance claims by a/c lessors resulting from leased aircraft having been stranded in Russia as a consequence of the sanctions imposed on Russia and Russian law allowing the re-registration of these a/c in Russia will be the focus of another session.
- To enable the Courts to continue operating during the pandemic, there was an increased use of video conferencing facilities ('VCF') to allow parties to attend proceedings remotely. These developments that may continue in the future will be analysed by one panel.
- The final panel concluding the 13th Liability Seminar will address liability and claims handling developments that are of particularly great significance for the aviation industry.

We invite all aviation lawyers, airline, insurance and re-insurance industry, aircraft finance, airport and aerospace industry representatives as well as government officials and academics to join us for this comprehensive programme.

The one-day format and the timing of the very successful first twelve liability seminars have been retained in order to allow the delegates to travel to and from Berlin the same day from most places in Europe and to attend the conference without having to leave the airport grounds.

The venue of the Liability Seminar will be the new Steigenberger Airport Hotel Berlin, a few steps away from the gates of Berlin Airport.

You are cordially invited to attend the conference dinner on Thursday evening, 2nd February 2023. For this all delegates will go by coach to the city centre of Berlin for an enjoyable evening. The venue of the conference dinner, the revolving restaurant of the Berlin TV Tower allows you to see all of Berlin while being seated comfortably at the dinner table.

And in the morning following the conference the Berlin Brandenburg Airport company invites all delegates to a complimentary tour of the new airport.

PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2023 CONFERENCE DINNER

18:20

All dinner participants meet in the lobby of the Steigenberger Airport Hotel Berlin at the meeting point near the main entrance

18:30

Departure of all dinner participants by coach from the hotel

19:15

Dinner at the Berlin TV Tower – Revolving Restaurant (Alexanderplatz in central Berlin). After the dinner a coach will take all dinner participants back to the Steigenberger Airport Hotel Berlin

FRIDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2023

LIABILITY SEMINAR
Steigenberger Airport Hotel Berlin

10:00 – 10:10

WELCOME ADDRESS
[Pablo Mendes de Leon](#), President of EALA, Professor of Air and Space Law, The Hague

INTRODUCTION

[P. Nikolai Ehlers](#), Ehlers Ehlers & Partners, Munich

10:10 – 11:20

Passenger rights - Regulation 261/2004 - current issues

MODERATOR

[Anna Burchacinska-Manko](#), MMM Legal, Warsaw

PANELLISTS

[Iva Savic](#), Associate Professor of Transport Law, University of Zagreb
[Jiri Hornik](#), KSB Advocates, Prague
[Wiebke Seyffert](#), Stenger Rechtsanwälte, Hamburg

11:20 – 11:45

A new trend? Enforcing passenger rights concerning unused fees and taxes

MODERATOR

[P. Nikolai Ehlers](#), Ehlers Ehlers & Partners, Munich

SPEAKER

[Benedikt Quarch](#), CEO, RightNow, Düsseldorf

11:45 – 12:05

COFFEE/TEA BREAK

12:05 – 12:25

Liability exposure of aircraft lessors

MODERATOR

[Laurent Chassot](#), gbf Attorneys-at-law, Geneva

SPEAKER

[Carlos Velez](#), Transaction Manager, TrueNoord, Regional Aircraft Lessor, Amsterdam

12:25 – 12:50

Leased aircraft stranded in Russia: The focus turns to insurance

MODERATOR

[João Marques de Almeida](#), Alves Pereira & Teixeira de Sousa, Lisbon

SPEAKER

Representative of the Aviation Insurance Market, London

12:50 – 13:10

The status of civil aviation in the Ukraine

SPEAKER

[Oleksiy Burchevskyy](#), former Legal Counsel, Wizz Ukraine Airlines, Kyiv

13:10 – 14:25

LUNCH

14:25 – 15:15

Operational issues caused by the pandemic for airports and airline cockpit crews and resulting liability exposure

MODERATOR

[Laura Pierallini](#), Studio Pierallini, Rome

PANELLISTS

[Bernhard Steinmetz](#), VP Legal Affairs, Cologne Bonn Airport
[Christian A. Menzel](#), Senior First Officer, Lufthansa, Munich

15:15 – 16:00

Procedural developments: Online proceedings in the U.S. and the UK

MODERATOR

[Maaïke Lustenhouwer](#), AKD Benelux Lawyers, Amsterdam

PANELLISTS

[Sarah Korapaty](#), Holland & Knight, New York
[Gillie Belsham](#), Ince, London (tbc)

16:00 – 16:20

TEA/COFFEE BREAK

16:20 – 16:40

Innovation in litigation finance – AI-based pairing of plaintiffs and providers of funding

SPEAKER

[Stefan Schmidt-Ammon](#), Founder, Aequifin Litigation Funding, Munich

16:40 – 17:50

Liability and Claims Handling Developments

MODERATOR

[Grégory Laville de la Plaigne](#), Clyde & Co, Paris

PANELLISTS

Airline Representative (invited)
[Giulia Mauri](#), Kadrant, Brussels
[Gabriele Bricchi](#), Pirola Pennuto Zei & Associati, Milan

17:50 – 18:00

CLOSING REMARKS

[Pablo Mendes de Leon](#) and [P. Nikolai Ehlers](#)

18:00 – 19:00

DRINKS RECEPTION

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

CONFERENCE DINNER

THURSDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2023

All delegates are invited to attend the Conference Dinner at the Berlin TV Tower revolving restaurant (at Alexanderplatz). A coach will take the participants to the restaurant. All dinner participants have to be at the meeting point in the lobby of the Steigenberger Airport Hotel Berlin at 18:20 for a departure at 18:30 (sharp) on Thursday, 2nd February 2023. EUR 110 will be charged per person for the Conference Dinner (including drinks, the entrance fee to the TV Tower and coach transportation).

CONFERENCE VENUE

Steigenberger Hotel Airport Berlin, immediately adjacent to the terminal building at Berlin Brandenburg Airport.

REGISTRATIONS AND ENQUIRIES

The closing date for registrations is 27th January 2023, although the organisers may, at their discretion, accept later registrations. Acceptance of registrations is conditional upon availability of space.

Registration: gorrissenfederspiel.com/eala-registration-form-berlin-2023

Membership: gorrissenfederspiel.com/eala-membership-form

No registrations will be accepted without payment. Upon payment we will send you a payment confirmation.

REGISTRATION FEE

Seminar (including lunch, coffee and tea breaks, cocktail reception):

EUR 590 for members of EALA (as of 1st January 2023)

EUR 690 for non-members

EUR 100 for students (upon application to EALA's Treasurer Nikolai Ehlers: a.dehmel@eep-law.de).

Please note that the reduced registration fee for members of EALA is available only to those who have become paid-up members or whose companies/organisations have become paid-up corporate members for 2023.

Payment may be made by direct transfer to the following bank account, identifying the name of the attendee:

Deutsche Bank AG, Promenadeplatz 15, D-80333 Munich, Germany
(sort code: 700 700 24)

Account #: 166270900

IBAN code: DE97 7007 0024 0166 2709 00

SWIFT code: DEUTDE33HAN30

Account holder:

Dr. P. Nikolai Ehlers (European Air Law Association)

Please make sure that any banking fees charged by the bank in your country or by the bank in Germany will be borne by you.

CANCELLATION/CHANGES

Cancellations can be accepted up to 24th January 2023, subject to deduction of EUR 80 to cover administration and overheads. Cancellations should be notified to EALA at a.dehmel@eep-law.de. No refunds will be given for any cancellation received after 24th January 2023. The name of the delegate may be changed at any time before commencement of the Seminar at no extra charge.

PROGRAMME CONTENT

The language of the Seminar will be English. EALA reserves the right to alter the content or the names of the speakers without advance notice.

ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATION

To obtain a certificate of attendance in respect of the conference, please contact Ms. Annette Dehmel, email: a.dehmel@eep-law.de

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

A limited number of rooms for the nights 2nd and 3rd February 2023 has been reserved at the Steigenberger Hotel Airport Berlin at a reduced rate of EUR 139 (single occupancy; surcharge for double occupancy: EUR 20) per night (including breakfast and tax). Booking as early as possible is highly recommended as the offer is subject to availability. Bookings should be made directly with the hotel and reference should be made to: "EALA"

Steigenberger Hotel Airport Berlin, immediately adjacent to the terminal building of Berlin Brandenburg Airport (BER)

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Reservations.berlin-airport@steigenberger.com

Better rates may be available through other sources.

COMPLIMENTARY TOUR OF BERLIN BRANDENBURG AIRPORT

In the morning following the conference the Berlin Brandenburg Airport company invites all delegates to a complimentary tour of the new airport (4th February 2023, 9.30am – 11.00am).