



EUROPEAN AIR LAW ASSOCIATION



24TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Istanbul, Friday 9th November 2012
Pera Palace Hotel

“The future is in the skies”

Mustafa Kemal Atatürk

EUROPEAN AIR LAW ASSOCIATION (EALA) 24th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

EALA is pleased to invite you to attend its 24th annual conference, to be held in the Pera Palace Hotel, Istanbul which overlooks the impressive Golden Horn of the Bosphorus and is known for its historic grandeur. The magnificent surroundings offer a special colour to our meeting whereas its central location forms a stepping stone for a visit to the historic, cultural and social centre of this remarkable city.

EALA's mission

Since 1989, EALA has arranged conferences and seminars in Europe focusing on important legal issues regarding the aviation industry. Over those 23 years EALA has gained international recognition and respect as a leading forum for the discussion of topical developments regarding aviation law, especially from a European perspective. The mission of EALA is to:

- Serve as the leading and essential association addressing the development of air law in Europe;
- Ensure dissemination of information about, and the study of, air law in Europe;
- Be a forum for the exchange of views and provide an opportunity for those interested in European air law to meet each other; and
- Engage in or promote any other activity which the Committee decides is in furtherance of EALA's principal objectives.

EALA's 24th annual conference

The year 2012 may prove to be marked as bridging gaps. While the EU is trying to solve its economic problems, EALA intends to analyse remarkable events from the past while looking forward on the basis of that evaluation. Those events concern the twentieth anniversary of the completion of the EU internal market, the – equally – twentieth anniversary of the first open skies agreement concluded by the US (with the Netherlands) and the tenth anniversary of the decision from the (then) European Court of Justice in the matter of the open skies agreements concluded between several EU States and the US.

This decision, which has been amply discussed during our meeting in Stockholm in 2002, heralded the establishment of the EU external aviation policy, forming a starting point for the first session of the forthcoming conference. Safety always comes first, and is of prime concern to everyone. The most recent developments in this field will be highlighted by EU and Turkish experts. Competition, as ever, is a prominent subject on our agenda. A recent Commission decision on airline alliances will be examined by distinguished competition law experts, as well as the topical issue of EU market access for non-EU carriers and non-EU mergers with/investments in EU carriers. The conference will also address the subject of infrastructure, which is meeting particular challenges and constraints due to increased market access opportunities. Speaking of bridging gaps, environmental measures initiated by the EU should be placed in a global context. The EU ETS regime has been applied since 1 January 2012 and represents an interesting case study in this respect.

Istanbul is a very appropriate place for bridging gaps, because of its geographical position between east and west. The well known ballad from Kipling 'Oh, East is East and West is West, and never the twain shall meet', ought to be paraphrased for this purpose by deleting the word "never" as the minds will meet and result in a fruitful discussion of the above topical issues.

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PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2012

DELEGATES DINNER – X Restaurant, Sadi Konuralp Caddesi Deniz Palas 5, Şişhane, Istanbul

19:00

Drinks reception and dinner

Dinner speaker [Mr. Catalin Radu](#), president of ECAC

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2012

CONFERENCE – Pera Palace Hotel, Mesrutiyet Caddesi 52, Istanbul

08:30 – 09:00 **Registration**, room [Grand Pera](#), [Pera Palace Hotel](#)

09:00 – 09:30 **Welcome address:** [Pablo Mendes de Leon](#), president of EALA, professor of air and space law, University of Leiden, Leiden

Key note address: [Haydar Yalçın](#), deputy director general, Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Ankara

09:30 – 10:45 **Topic:** **EU market access developments - 10 years open skies – how to proceed from here?**
Moderator: [Brian Havel](#), Keeley visiting fellow 2011-13, Wadham College, University of Oxford, Oxford
Panellists: [Tom King](#), head of government affairs, British Airways, London
[Hans de Jong](#), chief negotiator and senior advisor, Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment, The Hague
[Ulrich Schulte-Strathaus](#), former secretary general of Association of European Airlines, Brussels
[Abdul Wahab Teffaha](#), secretary general, the Arab Air Carriers Organization (AACO), Beirut
Commentator: [Julie Oettinger](#), assistant administrator for the Policy, International Affairs and Environment, Federal Aviation Administration, Washington DC

10:45 – 11:15 **Refreshments – coffee/tea break**, room [Aynali](#), [Pera Palace Hotel](#)

11:15 – 12:30 **Topic:** **Flight safety and just culture**
Moderator: [Nuri Sakarya](#), captain, Atlasjet Airlines, Istanbul
Panellists: [Frank Manuhutu](#), chief legal adviser, European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), Cologne
[Roderick van Dam](#), chairman, Eurocontrol Just Culture Task Force, Brussels
[Akrivos Tsolakis](#), president, Flight Safety Foundation, South Eastern Europe-Cyprus, Athens
[Yaşar Öztürk](#), partner, Ozturk & Partners Law Firm, Istanbul

12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch** [Pera Palace Hotel](#)

14:00 – 15:15 **Topic:** **Recent and likely imminent developments in the control of airline mergers and alliances**
Moderator: [Gavin Bushell](#), partner, Baker & McKenzie, Brussels
Panellists: [Jan-Peter Ross](#), legal counsel, Deutsche Lufthansa, Frankfurt
[Tatyana Panova](#), senior case handler, DG Competition, European Commission, Brussels

15:15 – 16:15 **Topic:** **Update on the EU ETS**
Moderator: [Vincent Correia](#), University of Bordeaux, Bordeaux
Panellists: [Julie Oettinger](#), assistant administrator for Policy, International Affairs and Environment, Federal Aviation Administration, Washington DC
[Yolanda Villar-Ruberte](#), policy officer, DG Climate Action, European Commission, Brussels
[Chris Schröder](#), chief delegate environment, CAA, State of Qatar, and head of corporate social responsibility, Environment and Fuel Projects, Qatar Airways, Qatar
[Eileen Denza](#), formerly University College London, London

16:15 – 16:30 **Refreshments – tea/coffee break**, room [Aynali](#), [Pera Palace Hotel](#)

16:30 – 17:30 **Topic:** **Airports – EU airport package 2012**
Moderator: [Ilona Crommentuijn](#), Amsterdam Airport Schiphol, Amsterdam
Panellists: [Emmanuelle Maire](#), head of Airports Unit, European Commission, Brussels
[Alan Meneghetti](#), partner, Clyde & Co, London
[Jure Mežnaršič](#), assistant director general, Ljubljana Airport, Ljubljana
[Jeroen Mauritz](#), chief legal officer, Air Transport Division, Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment, Transport, The Hague
[Dimitri de Bournonville](#), partner, Gates and Partners, Brussels

17:30 – 17:45 **Announcement of the winner of the EALA Prize (best paper)**
[Rodolfo Gonzalez-Lebrero](#), chairman of the Academic Committee

17:45 – 18:00 **Closing remarks** by the president of EALA, [Pablo Mendes de Leon](#)

18:00 – 19:30 **Drinks** [Pasa & Kutuphaneli](#), [Pera Palace Hotel](#)

COCKTAIL RECEPTION AND DINNER, THURSDAY 8th NOVEMBER 2012

Delegates, moderators and panellists are invited to a cocktail reception and dinner to commence at 19:00 at X Restaurant (located on the top floor of the Istanbul Foundation for Culture and Arts), Sadi Konuralp Caddesi Deniz Palas 5, Şişhane, Istanbul (500m from the Pera Palace Hotel). If a participant wishes to bring a companion, a payment of EUR 95 will be required.

CONFERENCE VENUE

Pera Palace Hotel, Mesrutiyet Caddesi 52,
34430 Tepebasi, Beyoglu Istanbul.

REGISTRATION FEE

The conference registration fee (includes attendance of sessions, conference materials, dinner, two cocktail receptions and luncheon) is EUR 700 for members and EUR 850 for non-members. The 2012 membership fee is EUR 40 for individuals and EUR 120 for companies/firms.

Reduced fees of EUR 490 for members and EUR 595 for non-members are available for delegates from the Baltic states, Eastern Europe and the Balkan states. By application to EALA's treasurer, a reduced fee of EUR 100 is available for a limited number of students.

CANCELLATION/CHANGES

The closing date for reservations is 26th October 2012, although the organisers may accept later reservations. Cancellations can be accepted up to 2nd November 2012, subject to a deduction of EUR 50 to cover administrative costs. Thereafter, no refund can be offered. Cancellations should be notified to EALA's treasurer, Nikolai Ehlers at the address provided in the registration form. The name of a registering delegate may be substituted at any time before commencement of the conference.

PROGRAMME CONTENT

The language of the conference will be English. While every effort will be made to maintain the programme as described, EALA reserves the right to alter the content of the conference or the identity of the panellists without notice.

ENGLISH SOLICITORS REGULATION AUTHORITY CPD

The conference has been approved by the Solicitors Regulation Authority in England for the purposes of Continuous Professional Development credits under reference BXK/EALA.

ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATION

To obtain a certificate of attendance in respect of the conference, please contact Mihaela Galea, email mga@gorrissenfederspiel.com. For Dutch lawyers, please instead contact Paula van der Wulp, email p.vanderwulp@law.leidenuniv.nl

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

A limited number of rooms have been reserved at special rates at the hotels below. Better rates may possibly be found

through other sources, however. The walking distance to the conference venue is in brackets. Reservations should be made directly with the reservation department of each hotel. Rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please provide the following code to the hotel when booking: "EALA Conference". Furthermore note that in each hotel (excluding Miapera Hotel) there will be a compulsory tax of 8%.

Pera Palace Hotel (***)**

Mesrutiyet Caddesi 52, 34430 Tepebasi, Beyoglu, Istanbul
Tel: +90 212 377 4000
Fax: +90 212 377 4077
Room reservation:
Deniz Bakis · Email deniz.bakis@jumeirah.com

Pera View Rooms	€ 215
Golden Horn View Rooms	€ 255
Open Buffet Breakfast	€ 33

Rixos Pera (***) (3 min)**

Mesrutiyet Cad. No 44 Tepebasi, Beyoglu, Istanbul
Tel: +90 212 377 7000
Fax: +90 212 245 3188
Room reservation:
Mine Dincer · Email mine.dincer@rixos.com

Pera & Golden Horn View Rooms	€ 195
Open Buffet Breakfast	€ 25

Miapera Hotel (**) (3 min)**

Mesrutiyet Cad. No 34 Tepebasi, Beyoglu, Istanbul
Tel: +90 212 245 0245
Fax: +90 212 245 3330
Room reservation:
Merve Ayata · Email reservation@miaperahotel.com

Superior Rooms (single)	€ 100
Deluxe Rooms (single)	€ 110
Duplex Suite	€ 200

*Miapera room rates are including tax & breakfast.
Double room rate difference is € 10 per night.

TRANSFERS FROM/TO AIRPORT

Rates given below are one way rates and should be informed & guaranteed by credit card 48 hours before flight

Ford Focus/Opel Astra (for 3 people)	€ 55
Mercedes Vito (for 4 people)	€ 75
Mercedes Sprinter with transferman (for 8 people)	€ 125
Above rates exclude 18% tax.	

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