



# EUROPEAN AIR LAW ASSOCIATION



25<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Madrid, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2013  
Hotel Ritz Madrid, Madrid

**EALA**

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## EUROPEAN AIR LAW ASSOCIATION (EALA) 25<sup>th</sup> annual conference

EALA is pleased to invite you to attend its 25<sup>th</sup> annual conference, to be held in Hotel Ritz Madrid, Plaza de la Lealtad 5, Madrid, a city with a glamorous and fascinating history, stylish and elegant buildings and outstanding cultural attractions.

### EALA's mission

Since 1989, EALA has arranged conferences and seminars in Europe focusing on important legal issues regarding the aviation industry. Over those 24 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. Among others, 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, and
- be a forum for the exchange of views and provide an opportunity for those interested in European air law to meet each other.

### EALA's 25<sup>th</sup> annual conference

While the EU is trying to develop its relations with third countries and complete its internal regulations and policies, EALA intends to analyse remarkable events from the past while looking forward on the basis of that evaluation. Those events concern the maintenance of a level playing field, not only in the internal market but also in relations with third countries. A level playing field should enable air carriers to operate their services under equivalent and harmonised conditions. While the EU is promoting its ideas on market access, the protection of the environment and passengers on intra EU and international flights as well as fair competition including the limitation of state aid, third countries also have their agenda, as demonstrated during the 6<sup>th</sup> Air Transport Conference organised by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in Montreal from 17<sup>th</sup> to

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2013. The continuing economic malaise in Europe and other parts of the world leaves its traces in the air transport sector. Cross border investments are called for, and will form an important part of our discussions, which will also focus on the implications of the recent merger between Iberia and British Airways. Access to infrastructure and airline-airport relations, including the establishment of charges, becomes more relevant when governments are restricting their involvement with the economic aspects of the operation of air services and will be debated. While passenger protection and liability of airlines are generally not part of the agenda of EALA's annual conferences but rather of the 'Liability Seminars' organised biennially by EALA in Munich, they will be part of our deliberations in Madrid in view of the importance of the ongoing process regarding the revision of the wellknown Regulation 261/2004. During recent annual conferences, EALA has devoted its attention to the establishment of the Emissions Trading Scheme and its implications for third countries and their carriers. This subject merits attention yet again this year after the EU Commission proposed to 'stop the clock' on the application of the relevant Directive (2008/101) to the operation of international flights. The EU and the States of the European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC) hope that ICAO's General Assembly which will take place about six weeks before our conference will yield satisfactory results at a global level.

The above coincidence of events shows yet again that the annual conference forms a milestone in the ever continuing chain of fascinating air transport events. Hence we hope to welcome many delegates in the attractive surroundings of the venue which the organisers have chosen for this year's annual conference. We believe that this is an opportunity which should not be missed, also because we celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our conference series.

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## PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2013

20:30

Private guided tour and dinner, Prado Museum, 23 Ruiz de Alarcón St., Madrid  
Dinner speaker: [Trevor Soames](#), partner, Shearman & Sterling, Brussels

# PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2013

CONFERENCE – Hotel Ritz, Plaza de la Lealtad 5, Madrid

From 08:30 Registration

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08:45 – 09:00 General Meeting of EALA

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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

[Angel L. Arias Serrano](#), director general of the civil aviation authority of Spain, and president of AESA (Agencia Española de Seguridad Aérea)

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09:30 – 10:45

Topic:

Cross border investments in airlines: How to proceed from here?

Moderator:

[Pablo Mendes de Leon](#), professor of air and space law, University of Leiden, Leiden

Panellists:

[Leslie Lugo](#), senior legal counsel and division counsel, IATA, Montreal

[Hans de Roos](#), senior vice president strategy & corporate development, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, Amsterdam

[Juan Francisco Falcón](#), partner, Uría and Menéndez, Madrid

[Brian Havel](#), distinguished research professor of law, DePaul University and Keeley visiting

fellow 2011-13, Wadham College, University of Oxford, Oxford

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10:45 – 11:15 Refreshments – coffee/tea break, Salón Felipe IV

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11:15 – 12:30

Topic:

Market access and competition

Moderator:

[Trevor Soames](#), partner, Shearman & Sterling, Brussels

Panellists:

[Stephan Simon](#), deputy head of unit DG Competition, European Commission, Brussels

[Colin Flynn](#), senior manager (legal), Singapore Airlines, Singapore

[Joachim J. Janezic](#), partner, Janezic & Schmidt Rechtsanwälte, Graz

[Luis Ortiz Blanco](#), partner, Garrigues and professor at Complutense University, Madrid

[Mark Powell](#), partner, White & Case, Brussels

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12:30 – 13:30 Lunch, Salón Felipe IV – Announcement of the recipient of the EALA Lifetime Achievement Award

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13:30 – 14:30

Topic:

An examination of the relationship between airports and airlines

Moderator:

[Alan Meneghetti](#), partner, Clyde & Co, London

Panellists:

[Simon McNamara](#), director general, European Regions Airline Association, London

[Emmanuelle Maire](#), head of unit DG Move, European Commission, Brussels

[Chris Gadsden](#), head of government affairs, easyJet, London

[Diego Gonzalez](#), president, Worldwide Airport Lawyers Association

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14:30 – 15:30

Topic:

EU ETS, stop the clock

Moderator:

[Uwe Erling](#), associated partner, Noerr, Munich

Panellists:

[Regula Dettling-Ott](#), vice president EU affairs, Lufthansa, Brussels

[Damien Meadows](#), adviser DG Clima, European Commission, Brussels

[Andreas Hardeman](#), assistant director environmental policy, IATA, Geneva

[John Hanlon](#), secretary general, European Low Fares Airline Association, Brussels

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15:30 – 16:00 Refreshments – tea/coffee break, Salón Felipe IV

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16:00 – 17:15

Topic:

The revision to EU Regulation 261/2004

Moderator:

[Michael Gill](#), senior legal counsel, IATA, Geneva

Panellists:

[Andrew Winterton](#), head of legal and compliance, easyJet, London

[Christopher Irwin](#), president, European Passengers' Federation, Brussels

[Isabel Maestre](#), secretary general, European Low Fares Airline Association, Brussels

[Omer Shalev](#), general counsel and corporate secretary, El Al, Tel Aviv

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17:15 – 17:45

Topic:

Latest developments, Single European Sky

Speakers:

[Ann Frédérique Pothier](#), head of section central route charges office, Eurocontrol, Brussels

[Jiri Hornik](#), partner, Kocián Solc Balastik, Prague

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17:45 – 18:00 Announcement of the winner of the EALA Prize (best paper)

[Rodolfo González-Lebrero](#), chairman of EALA's Academic Committee

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18:00 – 18:10 Closing remarks

by the president of EALA, [Pablo Mendes de Leon](#)

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18:10 – 19:30 Cocktails, Salón Felipe IV

## **TOUR AND DINNER, PRADO MUSEUM, THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2012**

Delegates, moderators and panellists are invited to a private visit at the Prado Museum and a succeeding dinner. The visit commences at 20:30 at the Prado Museum, 23 Ruiz de Alarcón St., Madrid. If a participant wishes to bring a companion, a payment of EUR 95 will be required.

## **CONFERENCE VENUE**

Hotel Ritz Madrid, Plaza de la Lealtad 5, 28014 Madrid.

## **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 2013 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 25<sup>th</sup> October 2013, although the organisers may accept later reservations. Cancellations can be accepted up to 1<sup>st</sup> November 2013, 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@gorris-senfederspiel.com](mailto:mga@gorris-senfederspiel.com). For Dutch lawyers, please instead contact Paula van der Wulp, email: [p.vanderwulp@law.leidenuniv.nl](mailto: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. It is recommended to book before 18<sup>th</sup> October 2013. Please provide the following code to the hotel when booking: "EALA Conference 2013".

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Telephone: +34 91 701 67 67  
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Email: [fb.secretary@ritz.es](mailto:fb.secretary@ritz.es)

Double Room  
EUR 210  
(including breakfast, 10 % VAT excluded)

Hotel ME Madrid (\*\*\*\*) (12 min)  
Plaza de Santa Ana 14, 28012 Madrid  
Telephone: +34 91 701 60 00  
Telefax: +34 91 523 20 49  
Email: [maria.lozano@melia.com](mailto:maria.lozano@melia.com)

Double Room  
EUR 175  
(supplement of EUR 16.20 for double occupancy)  
(including breakfast and 10% VAT)