EUROPEAN AIR LAW ASSOCIATION



38TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Friday 6th November 2026
The College Green Hotel | Dublin

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EALA is pleased to invite you to its 38th annual conference, to be held in Dublin.

EALA'S MISSION

It is with great pride that EALA would like to welcome you at its 38th annual conference to be held in Dublin. Since 1989 EALA has arranged conferences and seminars in Europe focusing on the most topical air policy and legal issues affecting the aviation industry. Over those 38 years EALA has gained international recognition and respect as a leading forum for discussion of the most relevant developments regarding aviation, especially so 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.

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Ireland boasts an impressive history in aviation.

As early as 1910, the year in which the very first international air law conference was held in Paris, an Irish lady called Lilian Bland made her first flight from Randallstown in Ireland, saying "It may fly or it may not!".

Traditionally, Ireland formed a bridge in Transatlantic relations. And nearly a century ago, on 12 April 1928, the first westbound Transatlantic flight took place from Ireland, landing safely on a small Canadian island. However, Ireland continues to mark its footprints in aviation, especially so Dublin, surfing on the waves of our dynamic industry.

Dublin is a centre of aircraft finance including leasing matters, as evidenced in the agenda which we proudly present to you.

The Transatlantic and financial perspectives will mark several subjects, including the opening session, and panels discussing competition, the Cape Town Convention and a current discussion of leasing of aircraft in relations with Russia.

The audience will also be updated on the reform of the well-known EU passenger protection regulation (261/2004).

More on this in the programme on the next page.

The EALA annual conference will be terminated by the presentation of the EALA awards to two students who have been selected by EALA's academic committee. The first prize winner will summarize his or her paper. After that, all participants are invited to attend cocktails.

The conference will be held in exquisite premises centrally located in Dublin. Hence, you should not miss the opportunity to be updated on the aviation industry and its legal regime, to visit the sparkling city Dublin and to take full advantage of the opportunities for meeting and discussion with others interested in European and international air law.

Please book at your earliest convenience for this interesting event organized by EALA.

PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2026

19:00
DRINKS RECEPTION AND DINNER
Clayton Hotel Ballsbridge, Merrion Road, Ballsbridge | Dublin

Presentation of the EALA Lifetime Award & Dinner Address

FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2026
CONFERENCE
The College Green Hotel, College Green, Westmoreland Street | Dublin

08:30 - 09:00
REGISTRATION

09:00 – 10:00
WELCOME ADDRESS
Pablo Mendes de Leon, president of EALA, The Hague
Séamus Ó Cróinín, partner, A&L Goodbody, Dublin
Declan Fitzpatrick, CEO, Irish Aviation Authority, Dublin

KEY NOTE INTERVIEW
Michael Whitaker, former administrator of the US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) | independent board director, Indigo Airlines | corporate advisor, Washington DC

interviewed by
Brian Havel, professor, DePaul University, Chicago

10:00 – 10:45
COMPETITION AND ANTI-TRUST MATTERS, EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ISSUES FOR AIRLINES, THE LESSOR COMMUNITY AND AIRPORTS

SPEAKER
Vincent Power, partner, A&L Goodbody, Dublin

10:45 – 11:00
REFRESHMENTS | Coffee/tea break

11:00 - 12:00
DISCUSSION AROUND ETS-CORSIA

MODERATOR
John Pearson, partner, Vedder, London

PANELLISTS
Lev Gantly, partner, Philip Lee, Dublin
Jadwiga Stryczyńska-Najmowicz, attorney-at-law, WKB lawyers, Warsaw
John Parnell, assistant director, associate general counsel, IATA, Geneva
Juan Carlos Arredondo Brun, director of knowledge, policy and advocacy, Abatable and CORSIA TAB member, London

12:00 – 13:30
EU REGULATION 261/2004 RENEWAL

MODERATOR
Anna Masutti, professor, University of Bologna | partner, RP Legal & Tax, Milan

PANELLISTS
Ricardo Pazos Castro, professor, Madrid University, Madrid
Grégory Laville de la Plaigne, partner, Clyde & Co, Paris
Maaike Lustenhouwer, attorney-at-law, AKD NV, Rotterdam
Benjamyn Scott, assistant professor, International Institute of Air and Space Law, Leiden University, Leiden

13:30 – 15:00
LUNCH

15:00 – 16:00
EU EXTERNAL RELATIONS PANEL

MODERATOR
Jörg Meinke, lawyer (Rechtsanwalt), Aviation & EU Policy, Brussels

PANELLISTS
Michiel Laumans, coordinator international affairs, Air France-KLM, Paris
Cathy Mannion, aviation economist, Performance Review Board of the Single European Sky, Dublin
Henrik Morch, partner, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, Brussels
Oliver Simonis, senior manager aeropolitical relations, EU affairs and traffic rights, Lufthansa Group, Brussels
Giovanni Zucchetta, head of public affairs EU, Ryanair, Brussels

16:00 – 16:30
CAPE TOWN CONVENTION, INTERNATIONAL LAW CONTEXT

MODERATOR
Séamus Ó Cróinín, partner, A&L Goodbody, Dublin

PANELLISTS
Caroline O'Brien, Head of Registry Operations , Aviareto, Dublin
Helen Biggin, partner, Vedder, London
Keith Mulhern, partner, A&L Goodbody, Dublin

16:30 – 16:45
REFRESHMENTS | Coffee/tea break

16:45 – 18:00
LESSONS FROM RUSSIA FOR AIRCRAFT LEASING

MODERATOR
Robert Lawson, barrister, Quadrant Chambers, London

PANELLISTS
Laura Pierallini, name partner, Pierallini Studio Legale | professor, LUISS University, Rome
David Bartlett, legal service provider, Aerial, London
George Leloudas, professor, Institute of International Shipping and Trade Law, Swansea University | general editor, Shawcross & Beaumont, London
Gillie Belsham, partner, Wikborg Rein LLP, London

18:00 - 18:15
EALA PRIZE
Announcement of 2026 winners of essay contest by Anna Masutti, chair of EALA's academic committee

18:15
CLOSING REMARKS
By the president of EALA, Pablo Mendes de Leon

18:30 – 19:30
DRINKS RECEPTION
The Bankers Bar | 16 Trinity Street | Dublin

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

DRINKS RECEPTION AND DINNER
THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2026

Delegates, moderators, and panellists are invited to a drinks reception and dinner to commence at 19:00 at Clayton Hotel Ballsbridge, Merrion Road, Ballsbridge | Dublin.

If a speaker or delegate wishes to bring a companion, a payment of EUR 110 will be required.

CONFERENCE VENUE

The College Green Hotel, College Green, Westmoreland Street | Dublin

REGISTRATION

Please register through this link.

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 2026 membership fee is EUR 60 for individuals and EUR 200 for companies/firms.

By email application to EALA's secretary, Morten Hans Jakobsen, a reduced fee of EUR 100 is available for a limited number of students.

CANCELLATION/CHANGES

Cancellations will be accepted until 1st November 2026, subject to a deduction of EUR 50 to cover administrative costs. Thereafter, no refund can be offered.

Cancellations should be notified to EALA's secretary, Morten Hans Jakobsen. The name of a registering delegate may be substituted at any time before the commencement of the conference.

PROGRAMME CONTENT

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

ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATION

To obtain a certificate of attendance in respect of the conference, please contact EALA's secretary, Morten Hans Jakobsen at EALA@gorrissenfederspiel.com.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

The special group rates and booking links for The College Green Hotel and The Morgan Hotel have now expired. Delegates who have not yet booked their accommodation are encouraged to contact either hotel directly to check availability, or to book through their preferred channel.

The College Green Hotel Dublin

Address: College Green, Westmoreland Street | Dublin
Telephone: +353 1 645 1000

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The Morgan Hotel

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