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EALA is delighted to invite you to attend its 34th Annual Conference to be held in Athens, a city which has played a significant role in Europe's deep history. The depth of Greek history is also manifested by the legend about the first flight ever by Icarus around 1350 BC. Icarus soared into the sky but came too close to the sun. The heat from the sun melted the wax holding his feathers together upon which he fell into the sea and drowned. Today, Icaria Island and the Icarian Sea commemorate this first flight.

Due to its location in Europe, its attraction as a holiday destination, and its important trade functions, Greece has a significant aviation industry. This industry greatly helps to support the mentioned functions. Because of Greece's location in Europe and the presence of myriad islands on its territory, air transport fulfils a special role in terms of connectivity. This is one of the reasons why connectivity receives prominent attention in our agenda for the forthcoming Athens conference of EALA.

EALA'S MISSION

Since 1989, EALA has arranged conferences and seminars in Europe focusing on important legal issues regarding the aviation industry. Over those 33 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, among other things, 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.

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As always, air transport is on the move, and with that, air law and policy. It is important, if not necessary, to understand the state of affairs in our industry and to exchange views on how to shape future regimes affecting the operation of airlines, airports, and related stakeholders in the aviation chain.

This year's conference will welcome the presence of Mr. Christos Tsitouras, Governor of the Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority, who will highlight Greek air transport in a European and global context. Next, we are pleased that Mr. Michael Gill, Director of the Legal Affairs and External Relations Bureau of ICAO will explain the results of the ICAO Assembly meeting which focuses on two subjects that will also be discussed during subsequent panels, namely, the alignment of the EU ETS and ICAO's CORSIA regime, and on the prohibition of double registration of aircraft in relation to sanctions which have been imposed on the Russian Federation earlier this year.

The first panel will approach the last-mentioned subject will be approached from various sides, including Chicago Convention obligations, safety requirements, liability, and insurance. Panelists will try to answer the question of whether sanctions in aviation are an effective remedy in the shorter and longer term.

Environmental concerns dominate aviation agendas for many years. The operation of air services is restricted by European and global criteria designed to combat noise and emissions. The second panel will discuss these measures and try to find ways how to align European and global conditions. The panelists will also highlight recent developments regarding access to airports which are being influenced by such criteria.

A related question concerns connectivity which is the principal objective of the airline industry. Airlines are compelled to adjust their strategy in order to increase their competitiveness. Competitiveness is impacted by accessibility, the temporal coordination of airlines at an airport, the quality of service at a transit airport, the type of connectivity, that is, via hub airport or other airports, and links with other modes of transport e.g. HSR rail. The panel will also discuss the COVID-19 pandemic effects on air connectivity and passenger travel behaviour.

EALA is privileged with the presence of His Excellency Eugène Buttigieg, Judge at the Court of Justice of the EU on cartel and state aid cases in air transport. Judge Buttigieg will be asked to explain his perception of this branch of EU law which also has recently affected the European air transport market, not least in the COVID-19 period.

The last panel will tackle labour regulations in relation to EU aviation law. This is again a very topical subject, which will be approached from various sides. Airlines have to cope with strikes and other unexpected events affecting their services, chose to set up establishments in the other EU States in which case the question of applicable labour law must be determined, whereas efficiency and safety must be balanced in relations between employer/the airline and its crew members, especially when there is an 'atypical employment' relation. This panel will attempt to formulate innovative solutions for these questions.

Traditionally, the EALA annual conference will end by the presentation of the EALA awards to two students who have been selected by EALA's academic Committee. The first prize winner will be asked to summarize his or her paper.

After that, all participants are invited to attend cocktails.

This topical agenda should attract all those who are involved with European and international aviation and we look forward to welcoming you to Athens.

The conference will take place at the magnificent Zappeion building that has served for many historical purposes, including the signing of Greece's formal accession to the European Community 43 years ago.

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

EALA is grateful for the generous sponsorship provided by Athens International Airport and Aegean Airlines.

PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2022

19:00

DRINKS RECEPTION AND DINNER
Acropolis Museum, Dionysiou Areopagitou 15 | Athens

FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2022

CONFERENCE
The Zappeion, Leof. Vasilissis Olgas Avenue | Athens

08:30 - 09:00

REGISTRATION
The Zappeion, Leof. Vasilissis Olgas Avenue | Athens

08:45 - 09:00

GENERAL MEETING
The Zappeion, Leof. Vasilissis Olgas Avenue | Athens

09:00 - 09:30

WELCOME ADDRESS
[Pablo Mendes de Leon](#), president of EALA, The Hague

KEY NOTE

[Christos Tsiouras](#), governor, Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority, Athens

09:30 - 10:00

ELABORATIONS ON THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ICAO (2022)

SPEAKER

[Michael Gill](#), director, legal affairs & external relations bureau, ICAO, Montreal
[Vincent Correia](#), professor of public law, Paris Sud University, Paris

10:00 - 11:15

ARE SANCTIONS IN AVIATION AN EFFECTIVE REMEDY IN THE SHORTER AND LONGER TERM?

MODERATOR

[Laura Pierallini](#), name partner, Pierallini Law Office, Rome

PANELLISTS

[Peppy Lykou](#), general director, Economic Oversight and administrative support, Aviation Authority, Athens
[Mildred Troegeler](#), legal counsel Europe, Boeing Co., Munich
[Frank Prillewitz](#), vp international affairs & corporate legal, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, Amsterdam
[Roland Küsters](#), senior underwriter and legal counsel, Munich Re, Munich

11:15 - 11:45

REFRESHMENTS | Coffee/tea break

11:45 - 13:00

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY: RESPONSIBLY INTERACTING WITH OUR PLANET

MODERATOR

[Regula Dettling-Ott](#), attorney at law, Dettling-Ott, Winterthur/Brussels

PANELLISTS

[Marylin Bastin](#), head of aviation sustainability, Directorate European Civil-Military Aviation (DECMA), Aviation Sustainability Unit (ASU), Eurocontrol, Brussels
[Anna Vasila](#), head of sustainability and industry affairs department, Athens International Airport, Athens
[Lisanne van Houten](#), strategic advisor aviation, Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure, The Hague
[Jörg Meinke](#), head of EU liaison office, Lufthansa Group, Brussels

13:00 - 14:30

LUNCH
The Zappeion, Leof. Vasilissis Olgas Avenue | Athens

14:30 - 16:00

STIMULATION OF AIR CONNECTIVITY

MODERATOR

[Anna Masutti](#), professor of air and space law, Bologna University, partner, RP Legal & Tax, Milan Bologna

PANELLISTS

[Christina Siaterli](#), head of unit, DG COMP F2 - aids to the transport sector, European Commission, Brussels
[Christian Raeppe](#), senior director, competition & antitrust law, Lufthansa Group, Frankfurt
[Bastiaan De Bruijne](#), general counsel, Airports Council International (Europe), Brussels
[Katia Avramidou](#), general legal counsel, Aegean Airlines, Spata

16:00 - 16:15

REFRESHMENTS | Coffee/tea break

16:15 - 16:45

COMPETITION AND STATE AID IN AIR TRANSPORT

INTERVIEW with

[Eugène Buttigieg](#), judge, Court of Justice EU, Luxembourg

CONDUCTED by former CJEU advocate general,

[Henrik Saugmandsgaard Øe](#), partner, Gorrissen Federspiel, Copenhagen

16:45 - 17:30

TACKLING LABOUR REGULATIONS IN THE EU AVIATION LAW

MODERATOR

[Iva Savic](#), associate professor, University of Zagreb, Faculty of law, Zagreb

PANELLISTS

[Jacomo Restellini](#), senior Associate, Lenz & Staehelin, Geneva
[Walter Reimann](#), board advisor public affairs, Austrian Airlines, Vienna
[Andrea Trimarchi](#), academic researcher, University of Cologne, Cologne
[Zoran Keser](#), pilot, Croatian Airlines, Zagreb

17:30 - 18:00

EALA PRIZE
Announcement of 2022 winners of essay contest by [Vincent Correia](#), chairman of EALA's academic committee

18:00

CLOSING REMARKS

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

18:00 - 19:30

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

DRINKS RECEPTION AND DINNER, THURSDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2022

Delegates, moderators, and panelists are invited to a drinks reception and dinner to commence at 19:00 at Acropolis Museum, Dionysiou Areopagitou 15 | Athens.

If a speaker or delegate wishes to bring a companion, a payment of EUR 95 will be required.

CONFERENCE VENUE

The Zappeion, Leof. Vasilissis Olgas Avenue | Athens

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 2022 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 special application to EALA's treasurer, a reduced fee of EUR 100 is available for a limited number of students.

CANCELLATION/CHANGES

Cancellations will be accepted, subject to a deduction of EUR 50 to cover administrative costs.

Cancellations should be notified to EALA's treasurer, Nikolai Ehlers. 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 programme as described EALA reserves the right to alter the content of the conference or the identity of the panelists without notice.

ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATION

To obtain a certificate of attendance in respect of the conference, please contact Sofia Falck at sbb@gorrissenfederspiel.com.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

A limited number of rooms have been reserved at special rates at the EALA Conference Hotel. Rooms are available on a first-come-first-served basis and are available for a limited time only.

Hotel Grande Bretagne

Address: 1 Vasileos Georgiou A' str., Syntagma Square, Athens
Telephone: +30 21 0333 0000

Classic King Room EUR 260.00

The EALA price includes breakfast.

Please book this hotel through Demetra Charitidou, email:

Demetra.Charitidou@luxurycollection.com.

Athens Capital Center Hotel

Address: 4 Eleftheriou Venizelou Avenue, and 2 Kriezotou street, Syntagma Square, Athina 105 64, Athens
Telephone: +30 21 4444 2000

Superior Room EUR 210.00

The EALA price includes breakfast.

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Royal Olympic Hotel

Address: Athanasiou Diakou 28, Athina 117 43, Athens
Telephone: +30 21 0928 8400

Executive Room EUR 130.00

De Luxe Room EUR 160.00

The EALA price includes breakfast.

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