

# EUROPEAN AIR LAW ASSOCIATION



## 14<sup>TH</sup> LIABILITY SEMINAR

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025

Aéro-Club de France | Paris

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# EUROPEAN AIR LAW ASSOCIATION (EALA)

## 14<sup>TH</sup> LIABILITY SEMINAR

EALA is delighted to invite you to attend its 14<sup>th</sup> Liability Seminar, to be held in Paris. Over many centuries, Paris has hosted, and will continue to host, spectacular monuments and activities. Among these are developments in aviation, including aviation law.

As early as 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1784 a police directive was issued which was aimed exclusively at the balloons of the Montgolfier Brothers: flights were not to take place without prior authorisation. The purpose of this measure was of course to protect the population. In the early 1900s, the French jurist Paul Fauchille suggested that a code of international air navigation be created by the 'Institut de droit international'. Interestingly, this was one of the rare instances where legal process went ahead of technology. On 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025, we aim at achieving that prospective vision again.

The 11<sup>th</sup> EALA Liability Seminar will address a great variety of subjects, identifying the state of the art of aviation:

- an Interview with Manuela Goya, Secretary General, Officer responsible for sustainable development, Transavia, Paris;
- Product liability in a new era, discussing the contractual and other relations between the various stakeholders in the aviation chain, under applicable legal regimes;
- Aviation on Trial: Grounded by Law or Bound for a Costly Sustainable Future? in which panel current trends in the environmental debate, including proceedings 'greenwashing' will be argued;
- Rejuvenating the Montreal Convention 1999, celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> birthday while being affected by the implementation and enforcement of regional and domestic regulations on airline liability;
- Digitalization of aviation tools, considering technical instruments facilitating navigation of aircraft while also endangering aviation safety in moves pertaining to cyber security;
- Criminalization of aviation accidents, in which context a balance must be found between the ultimate objective of achieving the highest degree of safety and the paradigm of transparency in order to contribute to justice in criminal proceedings.

Concluding remarks and drinks will be offered at the end of the seminar day.

### EALA'S MISSION

Since 1989, EALA has arranged conferences and seminars in Europe focusing on important legal issues regarding the aviation industry. Over those 35 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, and
- be a forum for the exchange of views and provide an opportunity for those interested in European air law to meet at EALA's events.

### EALA'S 14<sup>TH</sup> LIABILITY SEMINAR

We invite all aviation lawyers, airline, insurance and re-insurance industry, aircraft and aircraft engine finance, aerospace industry and airport representatives as well as government officials and academics to participate in this dynamic programme.

You are warmly invited to attend the conference dinner on Thursday evening, 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 20:00, which will be held in the Aéro-Club de France, 6 rue Galilee, 75116 Paris. The dinner will be preceded by drinks which will be served as from 19:00 in the same venue.

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



# PROGRAMME

## THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025

19:00

DRINKS RECEPTION AND DINNER

Aéro-Club de France, 6 rue Galilee, 75116 | Paris

## FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2025

SEMINAR

Aéro-Club de France, 6 rue Galilee, 75116 | Paris

8:30 – 9:00

REGISTRATION

Aéro-Club de France, 6 rue Galilee, 75116 | Paris

9:00 – 9:15

WELCOME ADDRESS AND OPENING REMARKS

Gregory Laville de la Plaigne, partner, Clyde & Co, Paris

Pablo Mendes de Leon, president of EALA, The Hague

9:15 – 10:15

INTERVIEW

Manuela Goya, secretary general, officer responsible for sustainable development, Transavia, Paris

CONDUCTED by Pablo Mendes de Leon, president of EALA, The Hague

10:15 – 10:45

REFRESHMENTS | Coffee/tea break

10:45-12:00

PRODUCT LIABILITY IN A NEW ERA

MODERATOR

Gregory Laville de la Plaigne, partner, Clyde & Co, Paris

PANELLISTS

Séraphine Perrin, general counsel, Air France, Paris

Mélanie Etienne, head of investigation and product integrity, Airbus, Toulouse

Jean-Sébastien Borghetti, professor, Université Paris

Panthéon-Assas, Paris

Juan Ignacio Fernandez Aparico, legal counsel, Iberia, Madrid

Bertrand Dubuca, expert, Airdjusting, Paris

12:00 – 13:30

LUNCH

13:30 – 14:30

AVIATION ON TRIAL | GROUNDED BY LAW OR BOUND FOR A COSTLY SUSTAIN-ABLE FUTURE?

MODERATOR

Niall Buissing, managing director, Lexavia, Amsterdam

PANELLISTS

Vincent Correia, professor of air law, McGill University, Montreal

Anne Frédérique Pothier, head of director's office & senior legal adviser,

Eurocpntrol, Brussels

Laurent Timsit, délégué général, FNAM, Paris

Elaina Bailes, partner, commercial litigation, Stewarts Law, London

14:30 – 15:30

REJUVENATING THE MONTREAL CONVENTION 1999

MODERATOR

Laura Pierallini, name partner, Pierallini Studio Legale | professor, LUISS University, Rome

PANELLISTS

Virginie Stern, risk manager and head of insurance department, Air France, Paris

Charles-Edward Dumont, head of legal, Transavia France, Paris

Ludovic Berlioux, head of aerospace France, AXA XL, Paris

Maaike Lustenhouwer, attorney, AKD, Amsterdam/Rotterdam

Chrystel Erotokritou, manager, Access Partnership, London

15:30 – 16:00

REFRESHMENTS | Coffee/tea break

16:00 – 17:00

DIGITALISATION OF AVIATION TOOLS

MODERATOR

Stephanie Golinvaux, founding partner, Adastone, Brussels

PANELLISTS

Joao Marques de Almeida, partner, Abreu Advogados, Lisbon

Pierre Affagard, counsel, Clyde & Co, Paris

Anna Konert, professor, Lazarski Aviation Academy, Warsaw

17:00 – 18:00

CRIMINALIZATION OF AVIATION ACCIDENTS

MODERATOR

Hugo Ramos Alves, professor of law, Lisbon University, Lisbon

PANELLISTS

Rodolph Juy-Birmann, avocat général, Court of appeal of Paris, Paris

María Jesús Guerrero Lebrón, professor of commercial law, Pablo de Olavide University, arbitrator, Seville

Aco Verhaegh, officer, Public Prosecution Aviation Affairs, Haarlem

Jinyoung (Jin) Choi, safety consultant, Royal Netherlands Aerospace Centre

(NLR) | lecturer and external Ph.D. candidate, IIASL - Leiden University

Gabriele Bricchi, partner, Studio Pirola Pennuto Zei, Milan

18:00-18:15

CLOSING REMARKS

By the president of EALA, Pablo Mendes de Leon

18:15 – 19:30

DRINKS RECEPTION

# PRACTICAL INFORMATION

## DRINKS RECEPTION AND DINNER

### THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025

Delegates, moderators, and panellists are invited to a drinks reception and dinner to commence at 19:00 at 6 rue Galilee, 75116 | Paris. If a speaker or delegate wishes to bring a companion, a payment of EUR 110 will be required.

## CONFERENCE VENUE

Aéro-Club de France, 6 rue Galilee, 75116 | Paris

## REGISTRATION FEE

The seminar registration fee (includes attendance of sessions, conference materials, dinner, two cocktail receptions, and luncheon) is EUR 590 for members and EUR 690 for non-members. The 2024 and 2025 membership fee is EUR 60 for individuals and EUR 200 for companies/firms.

A reduced fee of EUR 100 is available for a limited number of students.

## CANCELLATION/CHANGES

Cancellations will be accepted until 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025, 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. 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 Sofia Falck Bærenholdt at [sbb@gorrissenfederspiel.com](mailto: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.

### Crowne Plaza | Paris | Republique

Address: 10 Pl. de la République, Paris

Telephone: +33 1 43 14 43 50

Double room ..... EUR 257

The EALA price includes breakfast.

Please book through this [link](#).

### Hôtel de Suède | Saint-Germain

Address: 31 rue Vaneau, Paris

Telephone: +33 1 47 05 00 08

Double room ..... from EUR 189

Please book through this [link](#).