

EUROPEAN AIR LAW ASSOCIATION



36TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Friday 8th November 2024

Auditorium of Casa Milà ('La Pedrera') | Barcelona

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EALA is delighted to invite you to attend its 36th Annual Conference, to be held in Barcelona. The Blériot XI, which is famously known for having accomplished the first crossing of the English Channel by air in 1909, was the first aircraft to be operated in Spain, departing from the very spot where Barcelona's present day, Josep Tarradellas - El Prat Airport is located. The El Prat Airport is now a genuine destination airport because this city has become a monumental place in Europe for historical, cultural and touristic reasons. In that context, El Prat Airport has significantly contributed to the development of aviation in Spain and has positioned itself as one of Europe's top airports.

EALA'S MISSION

Since 1989, EALA has arranged conferences and seminars in Europe focusing on important legal issues regarding the aviation industry. Over those 36 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 36TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

As always, air transport is on the move, and with that, air law and policy. It keeps on attracting attention from many sides, including and foremost its users, but also national, European and global policymakers, legislators and courts, because an increasing number of interests have to be matched. These include market opportunities which must be conciliated with the protection of safety and the environment, facilitation and logistics of operations. This year, special attention will be devoted to the 80th anniversary of the constitution of international civil aviation, laid down in the Chicago Convention of 1944. Traditionally, 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. Please book at your earliest convenience for this interesting event organized by EALA.



PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2024

19:30

DRINKS RECEPTION

El Born Centre de Cultura i Memòria, Plaça Comercial 12 | Barcelona

20:30

CONFERENCE DINNER

El Born Centre de Cultura i Memòria, Plaça Comercial 12 | Barcelona

DINNER SPEAKER

[Javier Gándara](#), president, ALA (Airlines Association), Madrid

FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2024

CONFERENCE

Auditorium of Casa Milá ('La Pedrera'), Passeig de Gràcia 92 | Barcelona

08:30 – 09:00

REGISTRATION

Auditorium of Casa Milá ('La Pedrera'), Passeig de Gràcia 92 | Barcelona

09:00 – 09:30

WELCOME ADDRESS

[Sergi Giménez Binder](#), partner, Augusta Abogados, Barcelona
[Javier Marín](#), executive vice chairman, AENA | president, ACI Europe, Madrid

INTRODUCTION

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

09:30 – 10:00

European air transport in transition

KEYNOTE/INTERVIEW

[Ben Smulders](#), judge, European Court of Justice, Luxembourg

CONDUCTED by [Trevor Soames](#), partner, Quinn Emanuel, Brussels

10:00 – 11:15

Consolidation and expansion

MODERATOR

[Pieter Huizing](#), partner, competition and aviation law, A&O Shearman, Amsterdam

PANELLISTS

[Carlos Bermejo-Acosta](#), head of unit, international aviation agreements, DG MOVE, European Commission, Brussels
[Rajesh Singh](#), special director, international affairs, Indigo Airlines, Delhi
[Jörg Meinke](#), senior director, competition & antitrust law, Lufthansa Group, Frankfurt
[Sumati Sharma](#), partner, Oliver Wyman | founder & co-chair, Women in Aviation & Aerospace Charter, London

11:15 – 11:30

REFRESHMENTS | Coffee/tea break

11:30 – 12:30

Management of safety after 80 years Chicago Convention (1944)

MODERATOR

[Diego Olmedo de Cáceres](#), partner, PionAir Law Firm, Madrid

PANELLISTS

[Jeffrey Shane](#), member, NASA Advisory Board for Space Activities | former general counsel, IATA | under secretary for policy, the US Department of Transportation, Geneva
[Julian Rotter](#), director, Civil Aviation Authority, Warsaw
[Mildred Troegeler](#), executive liaison to ICAO, director global regulatory strategy, Boeing Co., Montreal
[Michael Gill](#), director legal affairs & external relations bureau, ICAO, Montreal

12:30 – 14:00

LUNCH

14:00 – 15:30

Accident investigation

MODERATOR

[María Jesús Guerrero Lebrón](#), professor of commercial law, Pablo de Olavide University | arbitrator, Seville

PANELLISTS

[Florentino Gregorio Ruiz Yamuza](#), judge, member of the Just Culture task force, Huelva
[José Manuel Rueda](#), public prosecutor, Seville
[Irene Nadal Gómez](#), professor of litigation and evidence law, University of Balearic Islands, Palma de Mallorca
[Anna Masutti](#), professor of air law, University of Bologna | partner, RP Legal & Tax, Milan
[Gregory Laville de la Plaigne](#), partner, Clyde & Co, Paris
[Jin Choi](#), legal counsel, Netherlands Aerospace Center, Amsterdam | PhD candidate, Leiden University, Leiden

15:30 – 16:00

REFRESHMENTS | Coffee/tea break

16:00 – 17:00

Carry-on luggage

MODERATOR

[Sergi Giménez Binder](#), partner, Augusta Abogados, Barcelona

PANELLISTS

[Javier Gándara](#), president, ALA (Airlines Association), Madrid
[Laura Pierallini](#), name partner, Studio Pierallini, Rome
[Chrystel Erotokritou](#), market access & regulatory compliance (aerospace & telecommunications), Access partnership, London

17:00 – 17:45

Promoting intermodal transportation

MODERATOR

[Hugo Ramos Alves](#), professor of law, Lisbon University, Lisbon

PANELLISTS

[Auguste Hocking](#), director and deputy general counsel, IATA, Geneva
[Stephanie Golinvaux](#), founding partner, Adastone, Brussels

17:45 – 18:00

EALA PRIZE

Announcement of 2024 winners of essay contest by [Anna Masutti](#), chair of EALA's academic committee, followed by closing remarks, [Pablo Mendes de Leon](#)

18:00 – 19:00

DRINKS RECEPTION

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

DRINKS RECEPTION AND DINNER

THURSDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2024

Delegates, moderators, and panellists are invited to a drinks reception and dinner to commence at 19:00 at El Born Centre de Cultura i Memòria, Plaça Comercial 12, Ciutat Vella | Barcelona.

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

CONFERENCE VENUE

Casa Milá ('La Pedrera') | Passeig de Gràcia, 92, L'Eixample | Barcelona

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 2024 membership fee is EUR 60 for individuals and EUR 200 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 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 2024, 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 Sofia Falck Bærenholdt at sbb@gorrissenfederspiel.com.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

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

Hotel Condes de Barcelona

Address: Passeig de Gràcia 73 | L'Eixample | Barcelona

Telephone: +34 934 45 00 00

Room Individual Use EUR 300

Room Double Use EUR 325

Please book through this [link](#).

Hotel Royal Passeig de Gràcia

Address: Passeig de Gràcia 84 | L'Eixample | Barcelona

Telephone: +34 937 37 00 10

Room Individual Use EUR 245

Room Double Use EUR 265

Please book through this [link](#) using the booking code: "EALA" for 10% discount.

Hotel Casa Gràcia

Address: Passeig de Gràcia 116 Bis | Barcelona

Telephone: +34 93 174 05 28

Room Double EUR105

Please book through this [link](#).

SIGHTSEEING

It is advisable to make online reservations beforehand for visiting attractions such as la Sagrada Família.