

# EUROPEAN AIR LAW ASSOCIATION



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

21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

Aéro-Club de France | Paris

**EALA**  
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# EALA | 15<sup>TH</sup> LIABILITY SEMINAR

EALA is delighted to invite you to attend its 15<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.

In aviation, progress has always travelled hand in hand with risk. From the earliest commercial operations to the development of a global air transport system, each technological and operational leap has introduced new uncertainties – and, with them, new questions of responsibility. If the 20<sup>th</sup> century was defined by the conquest and expansion of air transport, the 21<sup>st</sup> century is increasingly shaped by the need to manage its consequences.

Today, the nature of risk in aviation is evolving. It is no longer confined to operational safety, but extends to financial exposure, regulatory pressure and reputational challenges. Passenger expectations continue to rise, litigation strategies become more sophisticated, and legal frameworks are constantly tested by emerging trends. Liability, in this context, is no longer static: it is expanding, shifting and, at times, intensifying.

Against this backdrop, the European Air Law Association convenes its 15<sup>th</sup> Liability Seminar in Paris, dedicated to the theme “Managing Growing Liability Risks in Aviation”. Bringing together leading practitioners and experts, the seminar will provide a forum to examine how the industry and its legal frameworks can respond to increasing complexity – and how anticipating risk has become as essential as managing it.

The 15<sup>th</sup> EALA Liability Seminar will address a great variety of subjects, identifying the state of the art of aviation:

- EU261 2.0 | Latest trends, legal shifts and litigation risks
- Social inflation – Is Europe next? | Trends in passenger and Montreal claims
- Air traffic management | Liabilities in a new era
- SGHA under pressure | Still fit for modern disputes
- Arbitrate, litigate or mediate? | Finding the right forum for aviation disputers
- Administrative penalties | Pay, negotiate or litigate?

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 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 15<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, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026 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 at the same venue.

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



# PROGRAMME

## THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2026

19:00

### DRINKS RECEPTION AND DINNER

Aéro-Club de France | 6 rue Galilée | Paris

## FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2026

### SEMINAR

Aéro-Club de France | 6 rue Galilée | Paris

8:45 – 9:10

### REGISTRATION

Aéro-Club de France | 6 rue Galilée | Paris

9:10 – 9:15

### WELCOME ADDRESS AND OPENING REMARKS

Professor Pablo Mendes de Leon, president of EALA, The Hague  
Introduction of the theme: Managing Growing Liability Risks in Aviation

9:15 – 9:40

### INTERVIEW

Keynote interview with Manuella Goyat, executive committee member, Transavia, Paris and Michiel Laumans, coordinator international affairs, Air France-KLM, Paris

9:40 – 10:40

### EU261 2.0 | LATEST TRENDS, LEGAL SHIFTS AND LITIGATION RISKS

MODERATOR

Professor Nicolas Balat, Aix-Marseille University, Marseille

PANELLISTS

Anna Lavrenyuk, general counsel, La Compagnie, Paris  
Ricardo Pazos Castro, adjunct professor, Pontifical University of Madrid, Madrid  
Maaike Lustenhouwer, attorney, AKD, Amsterdam  
Chrystel Erotokritou, regulatory compliance officer, Market Access, London

10:40 – 11:00

REFRESHMENTS | Coffee/tea break

11:00 – 12:00

### SOCIAL INFLATION – IS EUROPE NEXT? | TRENDS IN PASSENGER AND MONTREAL CLAIMS

MODERATOR

Professor Hugo Rames Alves, University of Lisbon, Lisbon

PANELLISTS

Albert Kost, senior legal counsel, Swiss, Zurich  
Ludovic Berlioux, head of aerospace France, AXA XL, Paris  
Katja Brecke, aviation attorney, CHS Claims Handling Solutions, Frankfurt  
Marc Fribourg, attorney, Fribourg & Associés, Bordeaux

12:00 – 12:45

### AIR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT | LIABILITIES IN A NEW ERA

MODERATOR

Niall Buissing, managing director, Lexavia, Amsterdam

PANELLISTS

Manuella Goyat, executive committee member, Transavia, Paris  
Chloe Challinor, partner, Burges Salmon, London  
Regula Dettling-Ott, aviation policy advisor, Former Chair of the Performance Review Body (PRB) | Dettling-Ott, Winterthur

12:45 – 14:00

LUNCH

Aéro-Club de France | 6 rue Galilée | Paris

14:00 – 15:00

### SGHA UNDER PRESSURE | STILL FIT FOR MODERN DISPUTES?

MODERATOR

Geoffrey Graham, senior partner, EDGE, Lisbon

PANELLISTS

Aminata Ba, head of legal (Europe), Menzies Aviation, London  
Augustin Delarue, aviation claims handler, Allianz, Paris  
Rebecca Martin, senior associate, A&L Goodbody, Dublin  
Stéphanie Golinvaux, partner, Adastone, Brussels

15:00 – 16:00

### ARBITRATE, LITIGATE OR MEDIATE? | FINDING THE RIGHT FORUM FOR AVIATION DISPUTERS

MODERATOR

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

PANELLISTS

David Bartlet, mediator and arbitrator, Aerial, London  
Mélanie Etienne, head of Investigations and product integrity – Legal, LII, Airbus, Blagnac  
Alya Ladjimi, adr counsel, ICC, Paris  
Charles-Edward Dumont, head of legal, Transavia, Paris

16:00 – 16:30

REFRESHMENTS | Coffee/tea break

16:30 – 17:30

### ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES | PAY, NEGOTIATE OR LITIGATE?

MODERATOR

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

PANELLISTS

Charles-Edward Dumont, head of legal, Transavia, Paris  
Agnieszka Kunert-Diallo, ethic and compliance officer, LOT Polish Airlines, Warsaw  
Cyril Igor Grigorieff, partner, Bournonville Grigorieff, Brussels

17:30-17:45

### CLOSING REMARKS

By the president of EALA, Professor Pablo Mendes de Leon

17:45 – 19:00

### DRINKS RECEPTION

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# PRACTICAL INFORMATION

## DRINKS RECEPTION AND DINNER | THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> May 2026

Delegates, moderators, and panellists are invited to a drinks reception and dinner to commence at 19:00 at Aéro-Club de France, 6 rue Galilee, 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 | 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 2026 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 14<sup>th</sup> May 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 seminar 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 seminar, please contact Sofia Birk 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.

### Hôtel Kleber Paris & Spa

Address: 7 rue de Belloy, 75016 Paris

Telephone: +33 1 47 23 80 22

Classic Room.....	EUR 415
Deluxe Room.....	EUR 465

The EALA price includes breakfast.

**Spa access:** One hour of private access to our Spa, subject to availability and upon reservation at the reception.

**Fitness room:** Access is free and unrestricted.

Please book through this [link](#), using the code **EALA**.

### Hôtel Bowmann

Address: 99 Boulevard Haussmann, 75008 Paris

Telephone: +33 1 40 08 00 10

Room (single occupancy).....	EUR 650
Room (double occupancy) .....	EUR 685

The EALA price includes breakfast.

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