



2022
Regional
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conference



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8 & 9 September, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

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WELCOME NOTES

2022 Regional Air Transport Conference which will be held in Cluj-Napoca on the 9th of September is very important for the collaboration between airports, airlines, and all other aviation related partners.

Air Transport News platform and its conferences organized in the last two years have had an important contribution in overpassing the crisis caused by Covid-19 pandemic.

Cluj International Airport is the second largest airport in Romania and was appointed *Best Airport in Europe* in the category under 5 million passengers annually - by *ACI Europe* in 2021. Being a model of good practices and landmark regional airport in South-Eastern Europe, Cluj International Airport has managed recently to recover its pre-pandemic monthly traffic levels, through an extensive support programme of its airline partners. Besides the current complexity and dynamic of the civil aviation business, Cluj International Airport will approach with its conference participants the ambitious plans to go from almost 3 million passengers in 2019, to 7 million passengers in 2040.

PhD. Eng. David Ciceo
CEO, CLUJ INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Regional development, trade and tourism are largely dependent on air transport accessibility. In the presence of severe discontinuity and isolation as a result of either physical (e.g. islands and other remote regions) and/or political (e.g. border regions) geography, securing and improving air transport connectivity may prove important for economic prosperity and social welfare. Nonetheless, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, airlines and related supply chain partners suffered from unprecedented financial difficulties to the detriment of air connectivity too. Therefore, to overcome this adverse situation and build back an enhanced level of regional connectivity in the post-COVID 19 era, collaboration among all involved aviation stakeholders is of essence. The 2022 Regional Air Transport Conference will focus on this very issue highlighting how airlines, airports, ANSPs, ground handlers and other companies can step beyond their typical supply chain conflicts to jointly pursue sustainable cooperation practices that would bring great benefits not only for aviation businesses but also for the regions and their local societies. Business leaders, regional/local government representatives and other eminent personalities will discuss best practices and the way forward.

Dr Kostas Iatrou
CEO, ATN - AIR TRANSPORT NEWS

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PROGRAM

THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

21:00 **Welcome Dinner**

FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

10:00-10:10 **Welcome Addresses**

Dr Kostas Iatrou, CEO, ATN – Air Transport News

Emil Boc, Mayor of Cluj-Napoca (video)

Razvan Ciortea, Cluj County Deputy Governor

10:10-10:30 **Keynote Address**

Thomas Reynaert, Managing Director, A4E

10:30-10:50 **Cluj International Airport Presentation**

PhD. Eng. David Ciceo, CEO, Cluj International Airport

10:50-11:15 **2022 Regional Air Transport Awards Ceremony**

Organisation Award – A4E

Corporate Award – iGA Istanbul Airport

Individual Award – PhD. Eng. David Ciceo

11:15-12:15 **SESSION 1**

MODERATOR: Professor Andreas Papatheodorou, President, Hellenic Aviation Society

Kadri Samsunlu, CEO, iGA Istanbul Airport

PhD. Eng. David Ciceo, CEO, Cluj International Airport

Cristian Paris, VP Balkans, Menzies Aviation

12:15-12:45 **Coffee Break**





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12:45-14:00 SESSION 2

MODERATOR: Professor Andreas Papatheodorou, *President, Hellenic Aviation Society*

Riccardo Lambiris, *Chairman, Athens International Airport*

George Lioumbis, *General Manager, Sky Express*

Dragos Trunaru, *Airworthiness Director, CAA Romania*

14:00-14:10 Conclusions

14:30-15:30 Farewell Lunch

19:00 Classical Music Concert

"Gheorghe Dima" National Music Academy (1, Hermann Oberth street)

Evgenia Votanopoulou (*piano*) & **Nina Patrikidou** (*violin*)

