



**2023**  
**Regional**  
**Air Transport**  
**conference**



**Cluj Avram Iancu**  
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# 2023 Boosting Regional Economy Through Sustainable Development

*17 & 18 September, Cluj-Napoca, Romania*

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## WELCOME NOTES

**2023** *Regional Air Transport Conference - **Boosting Regional Economy Through Sustainable Development***, to be held at Cluj International Airport, between 17-18th of September is a very important framework for the regional cooperation in the aviation ecosystem. Air Transport News platform and its conferences organized in the last 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 has seen an important recovery in traffic, with clear prospects to overcome pre-pandemic levels of traffic by the end of this year. Being a model of good practices and landmark regional airport in South-Eastern Europe, Cluj International Airport is currently undergoing an extensive infrastructure development program, in order to support its future envisaged traffic growth.

Besides the current complexity and dynamic of the civil aviation business, Cluj International Airport will also approach with the conference participants its ambitious plans to go from 3.1 million passengers in 2023, to 7 million passengers in 2040.

**PhD. Eng. David Ciceo**  
CEO, CLUJ INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

**F**ollowing the successful inaugural 2022 Regional Air Transport Conference we are pleased to welcome you to Cluj for this year event entitled ***“Boosting Regional Economy Through Sustainable Development”***. Air Transport is a catalyst in a local economy, especially in regional level.

However the boost of aviation sector has to be implemented with a sustainable way. The conference will discuss this symbiotic relationship between the expansion of air travel and the sustainable development. 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

### SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

#### 20:00 Classical Music Concert

Cluj Avram Iancu International Airport, Arrivals Terminal

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

### MONDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

#### 09:00 Welcome Addresses

Dr Kostas Iatrou, CEO, ATN – Air Transport News

Dan Tarcea, Vice Mayor, Cluj-Napoca

Razvan Ciortea, Deputy Governor, Cluj County

#### 09:15 Keynote Addresses

Luc Tytgat, Acting Executive Director, EASA (video)

Glyn Hughes, Director General, TIACA

Montserrat Barriga, Director General, ERA

#### 10:00 Keynote Presentation

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

#### 10:30 2023 Regional Air Transport Awards Ceremony

#### 11:00 Coffee Break





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### 11:30 Leaders Panel

**MODERATOR: Dr Kostas Iatrou**, *CEO, ATN - Air Transport News*

**Nicolae Stoica**, *Director General, Romanian CAA*

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

**Cristian Paris**, *VP Balkans, Menzies Aviation*

**Laurent Barbotin**, *Project Development Director, TAV Airports*

### 12:50 Conclusions

