



**2024**  
**Regional  
Air Transport  
conference**



**Cluj Avram Iancu  
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# 2024 Regional Development and Infrastructure Challenges

*Friday 6 September, Cluj-Napoca, Romania*

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## WELCOME NOTES

It is my great pleasure to welcome all our speakers and guests to **2024 Regional Air Transport Conference**, held at Cluj International Airport on September 6th, 2024, as this conference has become a significant milestone in our shared journey towards advancing regional aviation.

This year's event is centered around the theme of **Regional Development and Infrastructure Challenges**, a critical focus as we navigate the evolving landscape of the aviation industry.

Our discussions today, featuring leaders from across the sector, will focus on the strategic initiatives and innovations essential for our future growth. The Regional Air Transport Conference held for the third consecutive year at Cluj International Airport provides a vital platform to exchange ideas, forge new partnerships, and set the course for a sustainable development of regional air transport sector.

We are honoured to be the host airport of this very important regional event, bringing together many important leaders from the world of aviation and would like to congratulate Air Transport News platform for their significant efforts and dedication put into developing a sustainable aviation ecosystem.

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

**W**e are pleased to welcome you at the third edition of the Regional Air Transport Conference that is co-organized by ATN and Cluj International Airport. Regional development of airports and airlines is critical for the companies and plays a vital role in local economies. However, there are often infrastructure challenges like shortage of available space, seasonality etc. A decision of an airport to expand might be a risky one. Questions such as who will bare the cost arise when it comes to justify the expansion versus the no action and loss of traffic.

**Dr Kostas Iatrou**  
CEO, ATN - AIR TRANSPORT NEWS

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## PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies

**Sorin Costas**, *Head of Marketing Office, Cluj International Airport*

16:00 **Welcome Addresses**

- **Dr Kostas Iatrou**, *CEO, ATN – Air Transport News*
- **PhD. Eng. David Ciceo**, *CEO, Cluj International Airport*

16:20 **Keynote Address**

**Glyn Hughes**, *Director General, TIACA*

16:45 **Keynote Presentation**

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

17:00 **2024 Regional Air Transport Awards Ceremony**

- **Organisation Award**
- **Corporate Award**
- **Individual Award**

17:30 **Leaders Panel**

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

- **Catalin Radu**, *Director General, Aviation Administration of Kazakhstan*
- **Costin Iordache**, *Director General, TAROM*
- **Onur Dedeköylü**, *Chief Commercial Officer, Pegasus Airlines*
- **Associate Professor Petros Kavassalis**, *Vice Rector of Research and Innovation, University of the Aegean*





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18:50 **Conclusions**

20:00 **Classical Music Concert**

Studio Hall, *Hungarian Theatre of Cluj*

**Evgenia Votanopoulou** (*piano*), **Nina Patrikidou** (*violin*) & **Giannis Iatrou** (*violin*)

21:30 **Gala Dinner**

