



EUROPEAN AIR LAW ASSOCIATION



23rd ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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EUROPEAN AIR LAW ASSOCIATION (EALA) 23rd ANNUAL CONFERENCE

EALA is pleased to invite you to attend its 23rd annual conference which will be held in the magnificent Palazzo Spada in Rome. Since 1989, EALA has arranged conferences and seminars in Europe focusing on important legal issues regarding the aviation industry. We believe that over those 23 years EALA has gained international recognition and respect as a leading forum for the discussion of topical developments regarding aviation law, especially so 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.
- To ensure dissemination of information about, and the study of, air law in Europe.
- To be a forum for the exchange of views and provide an opportunity for those interested in European air law to meet each other.
- To engage in or promote any other activity which the Committee decides is in furtherance of EALA's principal objectives.

The year 2011 has again been a fascinating year for international and European aviation. Whereas the past years have been marked by a focus on EU-US discussions, the EALA conference of this year will pay attention to regulatory aspects of relations between EU Member States, the EU and Russia. This truly European subject has various angles, varying from

market access, the recognition of EU law in the bilateral air agreements between the EU states and Russia, and the environment.

Traditionally, competition is a prominent subject on our agenda. Among others, the consolidation of transatlantic alliances and the cargo surcharges case deserve our close attention. The same is true for aviation relations between the EU and Arab States and their carriers in which context the maintenance of a level playing field under internationally recognised standards will be examined. Bankruptcy of air carriers has become widespread in the EU internal market. The adequacy of market exit rules and procedures will be an important point on the agenda of this session. Finally, airports are playing an increasingly important role in the aviation sector. That is why the EU Commission proposed an "airport package" in which the many different aspects of airport-airline relations are addressed.

It seems to us that Rome is an excellent location for bringing together people to discuss these developments and put forward new ideas. We advise you to not miss the unique opportunity to be updated on the aviation industry and its legal regime, to visit the beautiful city of Rome and to take full advantage of the opportunities for catching up with others interested in European and international air law.

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PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2011

DELEGATES DINNER – Palazzo Borghese, Largo Fontanella Borghese 19, Rome.

18:00 – 19:00 Conference registration

19:00 Cocktail reception and dinner
Dinner address: [Salvatore Sciacchitano](#), executive secretary, ECAC, Rome.

FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2011

CONFERENCE – Palazzo Spada, Piazza Capo di Ferro 13, Rome.

08:00 – 08:35 Last minute registration

08:30 – 08:45 General meeting of EALA

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08:45 – 09:30 **Welcome address:** [Pasquale De Lise](#), president of the Italian State Council, Rome. [Pablo Mendes de Leon](#), president of EALA, professor of air and space law, University of Leiden, Leiden.

Key note address: [Antonio Catricalà](#), president of the Italian Competition Authority (Autorità Garante della Concorrenza e del Mercato), Rome.

09:30 – 10:45 **Topic:** **Air transport relations between EU and Russia**
Moderator: [Alessio Quaranta](#), director general of the Italian CAA (ENAC), Rome.

Panellists: [John Byerly](#), former US Department of State negotiator with the Russian Federation, Washington, D.C. [Carlos Mestre](#), deputy head of unit, Unit MOVE E/1, EU Commission, Brussels. [Massimo Chieli](#), managing director and chief executive officer of Meridiana Fly, Rome. [Brian Havel](#), Keeley visiting fellow, Wadham College, University of Oxford, Oxford.

10:45 – 11:15 **Refreshments – coffee/tea break**

11:15 – 12:30 **Topic:** **Key competition issues: mergers, alliances, the aftermath of air cargo and GDS behaviour**
Moderator: [Geert Goeteyn](#), Partner, Shearman & Sterling LLP, Brussels.

Panellists: [Bruce Wark](#), associate general counsel, American Airlines, Fort Worth. [Colin Flynn](#), senior manager, legal, Singapore Airlines, Singapore. [Sanne Weidner](#), vice president, Corporate Legal Affairs, SAS, Copenhagen. [Michael Weiner](#), partner, Dechert LLP, Washington, D.C.

12:30 – 13.30 **Lunch**

13:30 – 14:45 **Topic:** **Seeking a global aviation playing field: international trade, remedies, subsidies**
Moderator: Professor [Regula Dettling-Ott](#), vice president EU affairs, Lufthansa, Brussels.

Panellists: [Hamid Mamdouh](#), director, trade in services division, WTO Geneva. [Mate Gergely](#), director general of civil aviation of Hungary, Budapest. [Peter Macara](#), partner, Clyde & Co., London. [Stefano Paleari](#), scientific director, International Center for Competitiveness Studies in the Aviation Industry, Orio al Serio, Bergamo.

14:45 – 16:00 **Topic:** **Airline bankruptcy, focus on passenger rights**
Moderator: [Laura Pierallini](#), partner, Studio Pierallini, LUISS University of Rome, Rome.

Panellists: [Michael Gill](#), senior legal counsel, IATA, Geneva. [Augusto Fantozzi](#), La Sapienza University of Rome, extraordinary administrator of Alitalia, former Minister of Finance, Rome.

16:00 – 16:15 **Refreshments – tea/coffee break**

16:15 – 17:15 **Topic:** **Airport issues**
Moderator: [Anna Masutti](#), partner, AS&T, professor University of Bologna, Bologna.

Panellists: [Stefano Baronci](#), secretary general of Assaeroporti, Rome; [Armando Brunini](#), managing director of SAB Bologna Airport, Bologna. [Rita Ciccone](#), general counsel, Alitalia-CAI, Rome. [Andrew Winterton](#), head of the legal and compliance, Easyjet, London. [Francesco Liverani](#), head of aviation, Allianz Italy, Milan.

17:15 – 18:00 **Topic:** **Update on ETS: EU and international developments**
Moderator: [Christian Schröder](#), chief of operations, Qatar Airways, Qatar.

Commentator: [Regula Dettling-Ott](#), professor of air law, University of Bern
Panellists: [Marc Bisset](#), partner, Clyde & Co., London,
[Deba Bas](#), associate, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, London

18:00 – 18:20 **Announcement of the winner of the EALA Prize**

18:20 – 18:30 **Closing remarks by** [Pablo Mendes de Leon](#)

18:30 – 19:30 **Cocktails at Palazzo Spada, Piazza Capo di Ferro, 13, Rome**

COCKTAIL RECEPTION AND DINNER, THURSDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2011

Delegates, moderators and panellists are invited to a cocktail reception and dinner to commence at 19:00 at Palazzo Borghese, Largo Fontanella Borghese no. 19, 00186, Rome. However, if a speaker or delegate wishes to bring a companion, a payment of EUR 110 will be required. Dress code: Dark suit, tie and black shoes.

CONFERENCE VENUE

Palazzo Spada, Piazza Capo di Ferro, 13, Rome.

REGISTRATION FEE

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 2011 membership fee is EUR 40 for individuals and EUR 120 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 and Central Europe. By special application to EALA's treasurer, a reduced fee of EUR 100 is available for a limited number of students.

CANCELLATION/CHANGES

The closing date for reservations is 31st October 2011, although the organisers may accept later reservations. Cancellations can be accepted up to 17th October 2011, subject to a deduction of EUR 50 to cover administrative costs. Thereafter, no refund can be offered. Cancellations should be notified to EALA's treasurer, Nikolai Ehlers at the address provided in the registration form. The name of a registering delegate may be substituted at any time before commencement of the conference.

PROGRAMME CONTENT

The language of the conference will be English. While every effort will be made to maintain the programme as described, EALA reserves the right to alter the content of the conference or the identity of the panellists without notice.

ENGLISH SOLICITORS REGULATION AUTHORITY CPD

The conference has been approved by the Solicitors Regulation Authority in England for the purposes of Continuous Professional Development credits under reference BXX/EALA.

ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATION

To obtain a certificate of attendance in respect of the conference, please contact Mihaela Galea, email mga@gorrissenfederspiel.com. For Dutch lawyers, please instead contact Paula van der Wulp, email p.vanderwulp@law.leidenuniv.nl

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

A limited number of rooms have been reserved at special rates at the hotels below. The walking distance to the conference venue is in brackets. Reservations should be made directly with the reservation department of each hotel. Rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis. It is recommended to book before 16th September. Please provide the following code to the hotel when booking: "EALA Conference". Furthermore, note that in each hotel every guest will have to pay a compulsory stay tax of € 3.00 per night.

Hotel Ponte Sisto** (2 min)**

Via Dei Pettinari, 64, 00186 Rome,

Tel. +39 06.6863100

Fax +39 06.68301712

Classic room for single occupancy: € 190

Classic room for double occupancy: € 230

Breakfast: Included

Room reservation, email:

booking@hotelpontesisto.it

Grand Hotel de la Minerve*** (10 min)**

Piazza della Minerva 69, 00186 Rome

Tel. +39 06 695201

Fax. +39 06 6794165

Classic room for single occupancy: € 225

Classic room for double occupancy: € 290

Breakfast: Included

Room reservation, email:

reservations@grandhoteldelaminerve.com

Hotel Santa Chiara* (10 min)**

Via Santa Chiara 21, 00186 Rome

Tel. +39.06.6872979

Fax. +39.06.6873144

Classic room for single occupancy: € 150

Classic room for double occupancy: € 180

Breakfast: Included

Room reservation, email:

info@albergosantachiara.com

Hotel Valadier** (20 min)**

Via della Fontanella 15, 00186 Rome

Tel. +39 06 3611998

Fax. +39 06 3201558

Classic room for single occupancy: € 140

Classic room for double occupancy: € 180

Superior room for single occupancy: € 190

Superior room for double occupancy: € 240

Breakfast: Included

Room reservation, email:

info@hotelvaladier.com

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