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# Aviation-Event 2024 CLJ 15MARCH 2024

Host: Cluj International Airport | Cluj-Napoca

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# **MODERATOR OF THE DAY**



**Peter Baumgartner** Former CEO Etihad Airways and Chairman Bluearbre Ltd.

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#### **Welcome Speeches** *Time: 09:00*



Irina Munteanu **Cluj County Governor** 



István Vákár Vicepresident, Cluj County



**Dan Tarcea** Vicemayor, Cluj-Napoca City (video message)



**Viorel Federiga** President, Administration Board, **Cluj International Airport** 

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**Opening Keynote: Airport Capacity and Expansion** *Time: 09:30* 



David Ciceo CEO, Cluj International Airport

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Moderated Keynote Time: 09:50



**Robert Carey** President, Wizz Air

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Rüdiger Kiani-Kreß Journalist, WirtschaftsWoche

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# Roundtable Talks: Beyond Borders: Unleashing Economic Potential through Digital Transformation, Global Connectivity, and Airport-Led Economies

*Time 10:30* 

Pawel Galiak Director of Aviation and Commercial Services, Kraków Airport



Anca Apahidean Area Manager Eastern Europe, IATA



Hakkı Güntay General Manager,

Turkish Airlines Romania

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**Theodoros Koumelis** 

Managing Director, Travel Media Applications

#### **Coffee break** - 11:30 – 12:00

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#### **CEO Talks: Airport Collaborations and Alliances** *Time 12:00*



Jesús Caballero Pinto **CEO, Sofia Airport** 



**Bettina Ganghofer CEO**, Salzburg **International Airport** 



Laila Odina **Chairperson of the** Board, Riga **International Airport** 



Hamdi Güvenç

**CEO and Board Member,** YDA group of companies and Aviation Sector

#### **MODERATOR**



Andreas W. Schulz **Freelance Aviation & Business Travel Journalist, CAT** 

#### *Lunch break-* 13:00 – 14:40



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# Panel 1: Media, Politics, and Aviation: Are Industry Leaders Effectively Communicating Aviation's Importance?

*Time:14:45* 



Raed Omari Journalist, The Jordan Time



Luc Citrinot Freelance Journalist



Claudia Tapardel CEO & Founder CT EU Affairs



**Andrew Charlton** 

Managing Director, Aviation Advocacy



**Patrick Mulder** 

Publishing Editor, Verkeersbureaus.info

#### **MODERATOR**



Michael Kerkloh Supervisory Board Member, Lufthansa and Hannover Airport

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#### Panel 2 - The Future of Regional Air Connectivity - what can airports and airlines deliver?

*Time:15:30* 



Bastiaan de Bruijne General Counsel, ACI EUROPE



Frank Quante CEO, Fraport Bulgaria



Narcis Obeada Commercial Director, TAROM



Delia Dimitriu Director Smarter Mobility Solutions, UK & Strategic Adviser COMOTI, RO



Alexander Schroll Director Business Development, EVIA AERO

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### Closing Speeches Time:16:15



Marcel Riwalsky CEO, Aviation-Event



Spoiala Sergiu Acting Director, Chisinau International Airport



Jesús Caballero Pinto CEO, Sofia Airport



David Ciceo CEO, Cluj International Airport

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14 March 2024 | Thursday

**Press Conference** 

*Time: 14:30 – 15:30 | Dress Code: Business Casual / Casual* 

Cluj International Airport, Arrivals Terminal, Conference Room, 1st floor– Traian Vuia Street 149, Cluj-















#### **CONFERENCE VENUE**

Radisson Blu Hotel (Ballroom), 1 Stadionului street, 400375, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

15 March 2024 09:00 – 17:00, **Dress Code: Business Attire/ Business Casual** (08:00 – 09:00 Registration for the conference)





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#### **PARTNER HOTEL**

#### Radisson Blu Hotel, Stadionului street, no. 1, Cluj-Napoca, 400375, Romania



For accessing the preferential rates please open the hotel <u>website</u> fill-in the arrival and departure date, check availability and the complete the promotional code **AE2024** or e-mail for reservation request at <u>info.cluj@radissonblu.com</u>





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Adrian von Dörnberg Founder & MP, TCG

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Rüdiger Kiani-Kreß Aviation Journalist, Wirtschaftswoche



Eike Knall CMO, The Radio Group & Radio Frankfurt



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The Aviation-Event, one of the leading events in the aviation industry, and the Economic Summit on Germany involving decision-makers from the world of business, politics, society and administration, are two events that are known well beyond the borders of Germany that were held in recent years.

#### Marcel Riwalsky, Managing Director of DA! GmbH,

holds a Master of Business Administration degree and Certificat d'Etudes Supérieres and has organized many high profile events in the past decade. As the initiator of Aviation-Event, he comes up with ideas for the event that goes by the same name as well as the concept for Aviation-Event Special. In the meantime, over 100 top speakers and discussion participants have been on stage in front of over 600 guests from politics and all sectors of business.

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#### Aviation-Event reveals to the world the true Gateway to Transylvania!

Cluj International Airport, the most important gateway to the north-western region of Romania, welcomes Aviation-Event for the 3rd edition in Romania.

As a first-class mid-size airport located in a full economic development region, with a special appetite for business & leisure traffic, Cluj International Airport has demonstrated the ability to take advantage of the potential of its catchment area and became, over the last decade, Romania's Airport with the most spectacular increase in passenger traffic.

If in 1996 the airport's development plans at a traffic level of 36,000 passengers seemed impossible to achieve for some, its dynamic management approach towards modernizing and developing the airport infrastructure over the last 25 years, led to reaching a historical threshold of more than 3.25 million passengers in 2023, and granted Cluj International Airport the worthy statute - model of good practices and landmark airport in South-Eastern Europe.



Aviation-Event 2024 CLJ will be held in one of the most vibrant European cities, with a multicultural environment, also named the 'Heart of Transylvania' not just because of its geographical position, but also for its role in the historical and economic development of the region. The city is one of the most important academic, cultural, industrial, and business centres in Romania, the second after the capital Bucharest.

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