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Aviation-Event 2025 CLJ

21 MARCH 2025

Host: Cluj International Airport, Romania



MODERATOR OF THE DAY

Alexander Bogoyavlenski, Journalist, Bloomberg TV Bulgaria

OPENING WELCOME SESSION

Irina Munteanu, Cluj County Governor*

Alin Tișe, President, Cluj County *

Emil Boc, Mayor, Cluj-Napoca City *

Moderator: José Ramón Bauzá, Former Balearic Islands President, Former MEP (Aviation-Event Supervisory Board Member)

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MODERATED WELCOME KEYNOTE

David Ciceo, CEO, Cluj International Airport
(Aviation-Event Supervisory Board Member)

Moderator: **Raphael Muelders**, Journalist, La Libre Belgique

MODERATED KEYNOTE INTERVIEW

Aeropolitical facts: Two months after the Trump administration has arrived in office

Candace McGraw, Chair of ACI World Governing Board, CEO, Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG)
(Aviation-Event Supervisory Board)

Moderator: Marcel Riwalisky, CEO, Aviation-Event

MODERATED KEYNOTE INTERVIEW

József Váradi, CEO, Wizzair *

Moderator: Miquel Ros, Aviation Journalist, AeroTime, CNN

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Panel 1: CEO Talks

Europe on its own? Major aviation players leaving the path of liberalization and decarbonization?

Laila Odina, Chairperson of the Board, Riga International Airport

Rüdiger Franke, CEO, Hahn Airport

Martin Roll, CEO, Hannover Airport

Jiří Marek, CEO, Air Serbia

Lukasz Strutynski, CEO, Kraków Airport*

Atılay Batu, Chief Operating Officer, Corendon Airlines*

Moderator: Luc Citrinot, Journalist, Voyages d'Affaires

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PANEL 2

Shaping the Future of Aviation: is the aviation industry open for new technology? If so: open only for tech giants or startup players as well?

Frédéric Chevalier, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Lagardère Travel Retail: Enhancing Operational Excellence Through Digital Integration (Aviation-Event Supervisory Board)

Luis Felipe de Oliveira, former DG, ACI World: AI-powered Innovations in Aviation sector

Clara Sasse, Co-CEO, Sasse Group: Robotics in Aviation Maintenance

Florian Kruse, CEO, Evia Aero: Transforming fuel-based Aircraft in Electrical Aircraft

Dieter Klawunder, CEO, MODI Vision: Software for biometrics and airports

Moderator: Christoph Martin Madsen, Founder, BongoPlanes

PANEL 3

The roadmap to implementing aviation safety and regulations : a collaborative approach for global standards

Nicolae Stoica, General Director, Romanian Civil Aeronautical Authority

Adrian Cojoc, General Director, Romanian Air Traffic Services Administration ROMATSA*

Costin Iordache, CEO, TAROM*

Antonio Stoian, CEO, Animawings*

Moderator: Michael Eggenschwiler, Senior Aviation Executive, Board Member, Mentor (Aviation-Event Supervisory Board Member)

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CLOSING SPEECH

David Ciceo, CEO, Cluj International Airport

Marcel Riwalsky, CEO, Aviation-Event

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Aviation-Event 2025 CLJ Conference Day

Time: 09:00 – 16:30 | Dress Code: Business Attire / Business Casual



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★ **Gala Dinner**

Time: 19:00 – 23:00 | Dress Code: Smart Casual / Evening Cocktail Outfit

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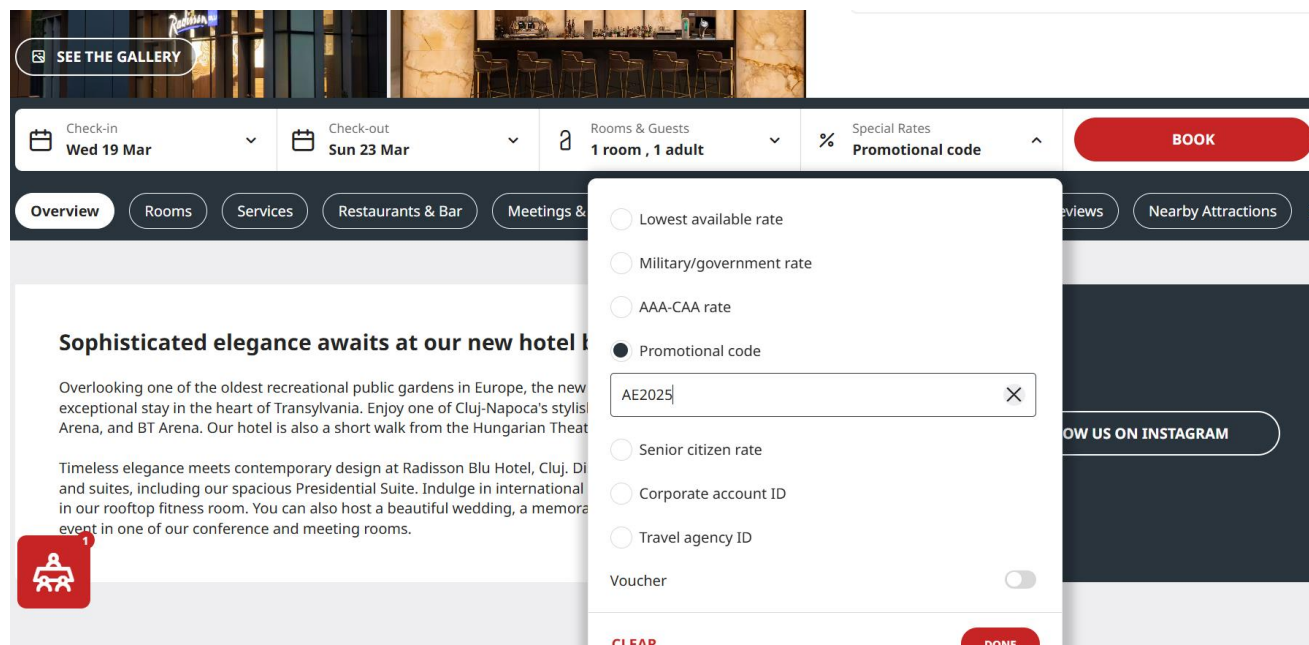
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The screenshot shows the Radisson Blu Hotel booking interface. At the top, there's a 'SEE THE GALLERY' button. Below it, the booking details are displayed: Check-in (Wed 19 Mar), Check-out (Sun 23 Mar), Rooms & Guests (1 room, 1 adult), and Special Rates (Promotional code). A red 'BOOK' button is visible. The 'Overview' tab is selected, showing a description of the hotel: 'Sophisticated elegance awaits at our new hotel...'. A modal form is open for entering a promotional code. The form has radio buttons for different rate types: 'Lowest available rate', 'Military/government rate', 'AAA-CAA rate', 'Promotional code' (selected), 'Senior citizen rate', 'Corporate account ID', and 'Travel agency ID'. The 'Promotional code' field contains 'AE2025'. There are 'CLEAR' and 'DONE' buttons at the bottom of the modal.

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- static offer, single use, bed and breakfast, promotional code valid for the dates 19 - 23 March 2025, please note that the city tax will be added to this static rate
- If you experience any issues during the reservation process, please contact reservations.cluj@radissonblu.com for assistance.



22 March 2025 | Saturday
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Time: TBE | Dress Code: Casual



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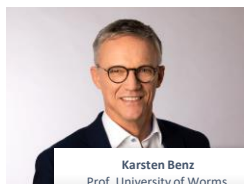


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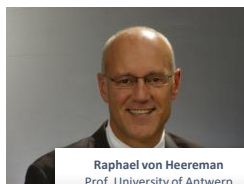
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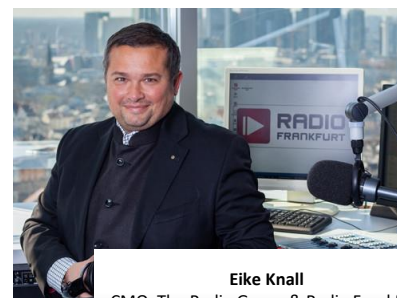
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The Aviation-Event, one of the leading events in the aviation industry, and the Economic Summit on Germany involving decision-makers from the world of business, politics, society and administration, are two events that are known well beyond the borders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



PhD. Eng. David CICEO
CEO, Cluj International Airport



Aviation-Event once again reveals to the world the true Gateway to Transylvania!

Cluj International Airport, the main gateway to the north-western region of Romania, is proud to host the 4th edition of Aviation-Event. This prestigious gathering marks the fourth time Aviation-Event has chosen Cluj-Napoca, further solidifying the region's importance on the global aviation map.

Strategically located in one of the country's most dynamic economic areas, Cluj International Airport has become a benchmark for growth and innovation in the aviation sector. Over the past decade, the airport has consistently demonstrated its capacity to leverage the full potential of its catchment area, transforming itself into a key destination for both business and leisure travelers.

The journey of Cluj International Airport is one of ambition and vision. From serving 36,000 passengers annually in 1996 to exceeding 3.26 million passengers in 2024, this milestone is a testament to the airport's strategic investments in infrastructure and its commitment to delivering exceptional services. As a model of best practices, the airport is now regarded as a leading example in South-Eastern Europe for its forward-thinking approach and significant achievements.

Aviation-Event 2025 CLJ will be held in Cluj-Napoca, a city known as the "Heart of Transylvania," that highlights the region's unique combination of heritage and innovation. As a multicultural and academic hub, Cluj-Napoca is a vibrant city that plays a vital role in Romania's cultural, economic, and industrial landscape. It stands as the ideal location for high-level discussions and collaborations that will shape the future of aviation.

Cluj International Airport is honored to welcome aviation leaders and professionals to this landmark event, fostering an environment where ideas, experiences, and solutions come together to drive progress in the global aviation industry.