

## ABOUT

### 2 DAY EUROPEAN AVIATION CONFERENCE

13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER | DUBLIN

The European Aviation Conference (EAC) offers a meeting place for industry, researchers and government officials from across Europe and around the world to discuss policy-relevant issues in aviation.

## VENUE

DUBLIN CITY UNIVERSITY  
GLASNEVIN, DUBLIN 9, IRELAND.

Dublin City University is located on the north side of the city, just 6km from the city centre and is a short distance from Dublin Airport and the M50 and M1 motorways.

## REGISTRATION

Registration for this event can be done through the official EAC 2017 website. To register please visit:

[www.eac-conference.com](http://www.eac-conference.com)

### Event Fees:

Including Gala Dinner €500  
GARS/ATARD €350  
Students (limited number) €100

### Accommodation:

A number of hotels are offering exclusive rates for EAC attendees until the end of August. Please visit the website for more details.

# EAC

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## Sunday Evening 12th

Welcome Reception (tbc)

## Monday 13th

8:30 Registration and Coffee

9:00 – 9:45 Keynote

Prof. Nawal Taneja, MIT & Ohio State University.

Chair: Cathal Guiomard (DCU)

Prof Taneja will review the impact of the disruptive airline deregulation policy on the industry, travellers and related industries. He will then discuss coming major changes in the airline business, the need for airports to restructure their services and for changes in government policy.

9:45 – 11.00  
Third Package in Retrospective

Ken Button (George Mason), Rigas Doganis (Cranfield), Filip Cornelis (EC DG MOVE).

Chair: Barry Humphreys (BKH aviation)

The speakers at this first session seek to draw lessons from the last three decades of reform and to propose a future aviation agenda, facing new challenges in particular the rise of protectionism.

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:00  
Liberalisation and Competition Policy

Mike Tretheway (InterVISTAS), Volodymyr Bilotkach (Newcastle), John Balfour (Clyde & Co), Hubert de Broca (EC DG COMP), Martin Cave (Competition Commission).

Chair: Darryl Biggar (ACCC)

Airline takeovers and attempted takeovers have been numerous in recent years. Controversies over new airlines and over airlines entering new geographical markets have been heated. Speakers will review these developments and evaluate the state of airline competition.

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30  
Impact of Liberalisation on Industry Business Models

William Morrison (Wilfrid Laurier), Geoffrey Weston (Bain & Co), Keith Mason (Cranfield), Anne Graham (Westminster).

Chair: David Gillen (UBC)

The business models of full-service and low cost carriers have changed dramatically over the last 30 years, as have airport business strategies. Will there be distinctly different models in the future or convergence towards a dominant strategy?

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:30  
Implications of Liberalisation for ATC; Role of Technology in Future ATC?

Wilhelm Wohlfart (ACR), Philip Hughes (IAA), David McMillan (ATM Policy Institute), Nicole Adler (Hewbrew), Jacoby Thwaites (Sparkl).

Chair: Peter Griffiths (ex-PRB)

One part of aviation left almost untouched by liberalisation is air traffic control, which remains the preserve of national monopolies and where costs are high. Speakers in this session will discuss what it would mean to extend liberalisation to ATC and the role that new technology may play in doing so.

17:30 – 19:00  
Financing the Industry

John Higgins (Avolon), Peter Morrell (Cranfield), Doramas Jorge-Calderon (EIB), Victoria Hartley (Boeing).

Chair: Tae Oum (UBC)

The airline financing industry has been utterly transformed in recent decades. These changes and those to be expected in the years ahead, will be discussed in this session.

20:00  
Conference Gala Dinner at Clontarf Castle Hotel

## Tuesday 14th

8:00 Welcome Coffee

8:45 – 9:00  
Review of Previous Day's Proceedings

Mike Tretheway (InterVISTAS), Hans Martin Niemeier (Bremen).

9:00 – 9:45  
Keynote Speaker: Martin Kunz Lecture

Prof. Amadeo Odoni (MIT).

Chair: Peter Forsyth (Monash)

Professor Odoni of MIT will present the 2017 Kunz lecture on the topic of airport infrastructure policy.

9:45 – 11:00  
Brexit

Brian Pearce (IATA), Barry Humphreys (BKH Aviation).

Chair: Dan Elliott (Frontier Economics)

Brexit could herald very dramatic changes in UK aviation and indirectly affect the rest of the EU also. The speakers will discuss what these changes might be.

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:00  
International Transport Forum (OECD): Airport Expansion – Who Pays?

Chair: Jagoda Egeland

Growing demand for aviation creates opportunities for airports and airlines but strains capacity at the most popular airports and is often politically challenging. The UK Government is now committed to expanding Heathrow, but how will the new runway be funded? A panel of airports and airlines will discuss these issues.

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 14:45 Business Keynote

Stephen Kavanagh (CEO, Aer Lingus)

Chair: Sean Barrett (TCD)

14:45 – 15:45  
Debate: 'Labour Paid the Price for Airline Liberalisation'

Pro: Peter Turnbull (Bristol), Xavier Gautier, (VP, EurECCA)

Con: Ken Button (George Mason), Airline (tbc)

It is sometimes argued that the main losers from liberalisation have been the employees of the full-service carriers. At a time of restlessness amongst airline unions, two teams will set out the case for and against that proposition.

15:45 – 16:00 Conference Close

\*A two-day COST workshop on Air Transport and Regional Development will follow the EAC.

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