

## HOT TOPICS IN AVIATION

December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
European Economic and Social Committee  
EESC - Room JDE 51, Jacques Delors Building  
Belliardstraat 99-101, 1000 Brussels

### PROGRAMME

- 10.00 Welcome by Prof. Mia Wouters and our host Mr. Jacek Krawczyk President of the Employers' Group.
- 10.20 European Commission proposals re Aviation Strategy for Europe  
**Mr. Filip Cornelis** - European Commission, DG MOVE, Director for Aviation  
Q&A
- Thomas Cook: Climbing the “Matterhorn” - how the UK Civil Aviation Authority repatriated 185.000 passengers in 21 days”  
**Mr. David Kendrick** - Head, Airline Licensing & Consumer Issues, UK Civil Aviation Authority  
Q&A
- 11.15 Airline Insolvency – airline and passenger protection in an era of airline instability.  
*Chaired by Prof. Rigas Doganis*  
Speakers:  
**Ms. Monique De Smet** - Director EU Affairs at IATA  
**Ms. Laura Pierallini** - Name Partner Studio Pierallini, Rome  
**Prof. Dr. Vincent Correia** - Université Paris-Sud  
Q&A
- 12.00 Brexit roundtable  
Will it ever happen and are we yet any better informed of what will in fact happen if it does?  
**Prof. Dr. Pablo Mendes de Leon** - IIASL Leiden University  
**Mr. David Kendrick** - UK Civil Aviation Authority  
**Dame Jacqueline Foster DBE** - Former-Conservative MEP & Transport Spokesman, Vice President Sky & Space Parliamentary Intergroup  
Q&A
- 12.30 Networking aperitive  
Lunch in the EESC canteen at delegates' own expenses.
- 13.45 Sustainable Aviation: tackling the challenges to ensure a cleaner, quieter and smarter aviation industry.  
*Chaired by Mr. Steve Huygens – Assistant Director EU Affairs at IATA*  
**Ms. Flor Diaz-Pulido** - EU Commission, DG MOVE, Head of Unit Aviation Policy

**Mr. Kevin Goddard** - European Affairs Director - Airbus

**Mr. Torsten Albig** - Vice President, Minister-President ret., Head of Brussels Corporate Representation - Deutsche Post DHL Group

**Mr. Ruben Alblas** - Programs Manager Public Affairs – KLM

**Mr. Pete Harrison** - Executive Director EU Policy - European Climate Foundation

**Ms. Silje Brandvoll**, Vice President Communications and Public Relations - Widerøe  
Q&A

15.00 Airport Sustainability Planning: Environmental challenges and what is the future for regional airports? What role will the new state aid rules for airports and airlines have to play?

*Chaired by Mr. Rob Lawson QC – Chair of the Aviation Global Practice Group Clyde & Co LLP, London*

**Mr. Marcel Buelens** - CEO Antwerp Airport & CEO Airport Ostend-Bruges

**Mr. Franck Dupont** - European Commission, DG Comp, State Aid and Transport

**Ms. Christel Vandenhouten** - Head of Sustainable Development - Brussels Airport Company  
- (invited)

**Ms. Rebecca Coffin** - Head of Sustainability - Heathrow Airport (invited)  
Q&A

16.00 Urban Air Mobility: U-space: from concept to reality.

How close are we to having flying taxis in our cities and what is needed from a technology and regulatory standpoint to make it happen?

*Chaired by Prof. Dr. Kristian Bernauw – Gent University*

Speakers:

**Ms. Mildred Troegeler** - Director, Global Airspace Integration, Boeing NeXt

**Mr. Koen De Vos** - European Commission, DG MOVE, Aviation Safety and Environment, Senior Drone Expert

**Mr. Athar Husain Khan** - Secretary-General EBAA

**Mr. David Batchelor** - Head of International Affairs at SESAR Joint Undertaking

Q&A

17.00 Concluding Remarks