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Christine Ourmières-Widener joins ERA Board

- Christine Ourmières-Widener has been elected as a new member of the ERA Board, effective immediately.
- Ourmières-Widener is the Chief Executive Officer of ERA member airline Flybe, Europe's largest regional airline.
- Ourmières-Widener re-joins the ERA Board, having previously been a board member from October 2012 until March 2015.

The European Regions Airline Association (ERA*) today announced that Christine Ourmières-Widener has been elected as a member of the ERA Board, further strengthening the association's position as the voice of European aviation. The ERA Board is elected by the association's members and works on their behalf to protect the interests of the European aviation sector.

Simon McNamara, ERA Director General, says: "I am delighted to welcome Christine Ourmières-Widener to the ERA Board. The industry expertise that ERA Board members bring to the association is invaluable and Christine has a very strong background in European aviation. I know that Christine's experience will bring significant benefits to the association and the ERA Board is looking forward to working with her to represent our members' interests in Europe."

Christine Ourmières-Widener comments: "I am honoured to have been elected to the ERA Board. Regional aviation has a valuable role to play towards the growth and sustainable success of local economies and in connecting local communities."

"We operate in a vibrant, ever-moving and challenging environment, even more so given the current political landscape and ERA has a critical role to play. I'm delighted to be back and ready to get to work to help promote and champion all our members' interests before Europe's major regulatory bodies."

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* Founded in 1980, ERA is a non-profit trade association representing 54 airlines and 141 companies involved in European air transport and is the only association representing the entire spectrum of companies involved in European aviation. The association promotes the interests of European airlines by lobbying the European Commission and other European regulatory bodies on policy matters, promoting the social and economic importance of air transport and its environmental commitments.