

ERA BOARD'S POSITION ON BREXIT

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As a pan European association with a membership wider than the EU, the European Regions Airline Association (ERA) does not normally involve itself in decisions taken by a particular European country. However the UK's recent decision to leave the European Union will have an impact beyond the UK and will affect a number of ERA members in the EU and the UK.

Whilst the final agreement on when, if and how the UK separates itself from the EU has not been agreed, the ERA Board discussed the matter on 04 July and agreed that it was appropriate for ERA to set an initial position on the aviation framework to help policy makers as negotiations begin. The policy is as follows.

- In aviation terms, the UK benefits as part of the EU where a long standing and successful liberal aviation market has been created.
- If the UK ultimately leaves the EU, it is essential that a wide reaching agreement with the EU ensures:
 - full and open traffic rights between the EU and the UK as currently allowed in EU regulation 1008/2008,
 - UK registered carriers continue to retain the rights allowed for in EU regulation 1008/2008,
 - continued application of EASA rules and regulations to UK operators and companies based in the UK to create a common European regulatory framework.

About ERA:

ERA is a non-profit trade association representing some 200 companies (including 52 airlines) involved in European air transport. The association promotes the interests of its members by lobbying on European policy matters, promoting the social and economic importance of air transport and its environmental commitments. More details about ERA can be found here www.eraa.org

