

ERA Regional Airline Conference 2018

Wednesday 18 April

0800–1730	Registration Desk open	Foyer II
0830–0930	Airline and Airport CEOs' Breakfast – <i>by invitation only</i>	Foyer II
0930–1130	Airline and Airport CEOs' Meeting – <i>by invitation only</i> Including presentations from Eamonn Brennan, Director General, Eurocontrol on ATM developments and challenges for the future and Filip Cornelis, Director Aviation and International Transport Affairs, European Commission on European Commission's airport capacity and connectivity index.	Ballroom C, D
1200–1345	Welcome Networking Lunch	Foyer II
1345–1515	Opening Keynote Address and Conference Session 1 Keynote Address by Andrew Kelly, President, ERA Conference Session 1 The imminent challenges and threats to our business This forthcoming year is certain to provide a series of regulatory and political challenges. With the countdown to the UK's exit from the EU fast approaching and a number of new political European elections imminent, the aviation landscape is sure to continue to change during this complex and uncertain time. Brexit, competition, rising costs and insolvency are just some of the major topics to be discussed during this panel discussion; what really is the new recipe for success in our business? This session will be chaired by ERA's Director General, Montserrat Barriga , and will include inspirational and thought-provoking commentary from our panel of airline leaders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andy Green, CEO, Jota Aviation • Christine Ourmières-Widener, CEO, Flybe • Warner Rootliep, Managing Director, KLM Cityhopper • Mikael Wängdahl, VP External Production, SAS External Production 	Ballroom A,B,C,D
1515–1600	Coffee Break	Foyer II
1600–1730	Conference Session 2 Industry skills shortage – a modern day crisis for our industry? As talks continue of an industry skills shortage, the regional sector in Europe is already feeling the full effects of this critical situation. Pilot loss to legacy and low-cost carriers seems to be one of the major factors contributing to this problem as well as shortages in maintenance staff. What can be done to change this? How can we keep the pilots we have invested in and attract a new generation into the maintenance sector? Is this really a global problem or a regional one, or is our industry just not that appealing anymore? This session will be chaired by Andrew Kelly, President, ERA and will include presentations and an informative debate by: Future pilot shortage solutions András Farkas, Training and Operations Director, PHARMAFLIGHT The impact of the pilot shortage Miguel Vaz Pinto, Technical Coordinator Director, TAP Express operated by Portugália Airlines Attracting the next generation into the business Paul Conway, Group Managing Director, Qualitair	Ballroom A, B, C, D
1830–2000	Cocktail Reception	Foyer II



Thursday 19 April

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0830–1400 Registration Desk open Foyer II

0900–1030 **Conference Session 3** Ballroom A, B, C, D

Brexit - now, tomorrow and beyond

With the 2019 Brexit deadline in sight, what is the latest situation for aviation following this historic referendum, and what is the future for our industry? The session will be chaired by **Graham Baguley, Operations Director, Titan Airways and Chair of ERA's Industry Affairs Group** and will include participation from the following panel of industry experts:

- Martin Isler, Executive Vice President Airline & Accountable Manager, Luxair Luxembourg Airlines
- David Kendrick, Airline Licensing & Consumer Issues, UK Civil Aviation Authority
- Thomas van der Wijngaart, Legal Director, Clyde & Co
- Chris Tarry, Founder, CTAIRA

1030–1115 **Coffee Break** Foyer II

1115–1230 **Conference Session 4** Ballroom A, B, C, D

ERA is delighted to announce this year's inspirational speaker **Diana Gomes Da Silva**. At 21, Diana became the youngest and first Portuguese female aerobatic pilot and this was followed by a career as a commercial airline pilot flying all over the European skies. Diana was the youngest female Airbus instructor, the youngest female instructor of Airbus in the Middle East, the first aerobatic instructor in the UAE and manager of the biggest UPRT (Upset Prevention and Recovery Training) training programme in the world for Etihad Airway's flight college.

Diana will share with us her experiences as a commercial airline pilot and guide us through a real emergency she had where both engines partially failed. She will also reveal her game-changing philosophy of addressing training, including managing unexpected events and stresses, human factors and computer interfaces, decision-making and communication and the challenges of operating in a multicultural environment.



1230–1400 **Networking Lunch** Foyer II

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