

Programme of Events

Wednesday 24 November

12:30–14:00 **Welcome networking lunch** Networking area

14:00–15:30 **Opening keynote address by Jan Palmér, President, ERA** Great Western 1

Conference Session 1

Session chair: Jan Palmér, CEO, Xfly and President, ERA

Our industry in crisis: coping with COVID

Nice to e-meet you, we're all in this together, unprecedented, you're on mute, virtual – sound familiar? These phrases really did become the 'new normal' following the outbreak of the Coronavirus at the end of 2019 and the subsequent global pandemic. What was to follow was unimaginable; the global aviation and travel industry grinding to a halt and subsequently being one of the sectors hardest hit by the pandemic. Economic forecasts¹ at the end of 2020 predicted that in 2021 Europe would be the worst-hit region in terms of airline losses (-\$11.9bn). Whilst traffic levels are increasing (65 per cent of flights compared 2019 levels²), travel restrictions and quarantine measures are still clearly impacting our industry's ability to recover consistently.

How can politicians and policy makers help our industry during this crucial initial phase of recovery? Is recovery actually happening, or has the summer season only provided a short-term fix? Travel and border restrictions, digital COVID passports, pre-travel testing; how are these new rules and obligations affecting our passengers' flying experience?

This session will discuss the current challenges facing our industry as it strives to maintain a path towards recovery with contributions from panellists **Chris Tarry, Director, CTAIRA, Jóhanna á Bergi, CEO, Atlantic Airways** and **Pat Byrne, Chairman, Cityjet**. In addition, this session will also be joined by **Henrik Morch, Director, DG COMP, European Commission**.

¹ IATA <https://www.iata.org/en/pressroom/pr/2020-12-10-01/>

² EUROCONTROL data from 22 July 2021 <https://www.eurocontrol.int/sites/default/files/2021-07/covid19-eurocontrol-comprehensive-air-traffic-assessment-22072021.pdf>

15:30–16:00 **Coffee break** Networking area

16:00–17:30 **Conference Session 2** Great Western 1
Session chair: Gilles Feith, CEO, Luxair

What will the future landscape for European aviation look like in the next decade and beyond?

Open borders with no quarantines, sustainable recovery, fair competition, economic recovery, realistic slots regulation, reformed EU261 legislation, revitalised connectivity and operational stability – just some of the items on our industry's wish list. But how realistic is this and what will the European aviation landscape really look like in the decade to come? What will COVID's legacy be for our industry and for how long will we feel the effects of this crippling pandemic? **This session will discuss the future challenges facing our industry as it strives to rebuild post-COVID-19. Session speakers will include:**

- Phil Seymour, President, IBA Group
- Jonathan Hinkles, CEO, Loganair
- Robert Sinclair, CEO, London City Airport

18:30–20:00 **Cocktail reception** Great Western 2



Thursday 25 November

09:00–10:30	Conference Session 3 Session chair: Montserrat Barriga, Director General, ERA	Great Western 1
	Destination 2050 – A route to net zero European aviation At the beginning of 2021, Europe's aviation sector unveiled its flagship sustainability initiative, Destination 2050 – A route to net zero European aviation. It is driven by a new independent report which provides a vision and path for meaningful CO ₂ emission reduction efforts in Europe and globally. Building on the Paris Agreement and the European Green Deal, it sees all flights within and departing the EU, UK and EFTA realising net zero CO ₂ emissions by 2050. A combination of four key pillars including economic measures, technological advancements, improvements in ATM and aircraft operations and the use of sustainable aviation fuels, could achieve substantial CO ₂ emission reductions for aviation by 2050. This session will discuss our industry's sustainability challenges and how we can achieve net zero European aviation. Session speakers will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thorsten Lange, EVP Renewable Aviation, Neste Sustainable aviation fuels; aviation fuel for the future• Rod Williams, CCO, Universal Hydrogen Technological advances in hydrogen• Jeremy Caussade, President, AURA AERO Technological advances in electric aircraft	
10:30–11:00	Coffee break	Networking area
11:00–12:05	Conference Session 4 Session chair: Martyn Holmes, Chief Commercial Officer, Embraer	Great Western 1
	Our airlines' pandemic journeys – surviving a global crisis <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vasiliki Christidi, Group General Manager, SKY express• Valter Fernandes, Managing Director, TAP Express operated by Portugália Airlines• Lars Jordahn, CEO, West Atlantic	
12:05–12:45	Annual General Meeting (AGM) Session chair: Jan Palmér, President, ERA	
12:45–14:15	Networking lunch	Networking area
13:30–17:30	ERA Board meeting Restricted to only elected ERA Board members	Great Western 2

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