

Think Regional!



Connectivity, prosperity and net zero aviation

Air connectivity is essential to ensure equal opportunities to all European citizens regardless of their territories, developing regional economies and local communities. Regional airlines provide air services to all territories of Europe, both for passengers and cargo.

Regional connectivity is at the core of the association's work. ERA's member airlines provide vital links and support to Europe's regions, promoting social and territorial equality and cohesion as well as contributing to increased business development, tourism, investment and job creation.

Supporting a competitive and sustainable aviation sector and the implementation of the regulations from the Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy should be the focus for the new political cycle, to ensure environmental and social sustainability objectives are met.

The decarbonisation of air transport is a huge task and one of the most exciting challenges of the century that is scientifically possible. The aviation industry is committed to become net zero by 2050, as laid out in the Destination 2050 roadmap. ERA members are embracing the implementation of all four pillars: use of Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAFs), technological improvements, economic measures and airspace efficiencies.

Enabling the use of SAF in existing fleets is a key priority, but whilst the production of SAFs ramps up to a level where it becomes widely

available, **short-haul routes**, many of which are operated by regional airlines, **will be the first to implement technological zero-emission solutions, including the next generation of aircraft powered by new propulsion systems** such as hydrogen, hybrid-electric and full electric. This will happen before 2030 somewhere in the world and therefore, it matters to the EU's global industrial competitiveness and the Green Deal goals, as well as the long-term business models for regional airlines, that the EU represents an attractive place for early adoption.

Regional airlines cannot be left behind and their specificities must be considered to ensure European citizens continue to enjoy the freedom to fly and access to goods and services even in remote destinations, at affordable prices.

European Regions Airline Association (ERA)'s members, comprising over 50 European airlines and more than 170 other industry companies from the entire spectrum of aviation, represent a substantial component of European air transport, contributing hugely to economic growth within Europe by operating 1m flights on 2,950 routes and carrying more than 76 million passengers per annum as well as thousands of tons of cargo.

ERA's members remain committed to work with the European institutions in the new political cycle to ensure preserving the European Single Aviation Market whilst continuing the path of decarbonising our sector.

Our members

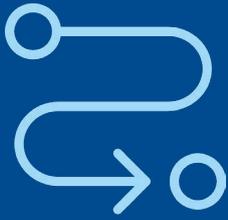
1,000,000
flights per year



Using a fleet of
677
passenger aircraft
151
cargo aircraft



ERA members include
55 airlines
and over **140** other
industry companies



Operate **2,950** routes

58% jet aircraft
42% prop aircraft

88 seats average
seating capacity



ERA members
employ more than
480,000 staff



Carrying **>76 million** passengers per year



Source: Cirium

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