



2023

ACTIVITY REPORT



YEARS

1994 -2024



Looking back to the last twelve months, it seems clear that 2023 will be remembered as a key year for aviation, airports, airport regions, and their only representative organisation, the Airport Regions Council.

Key because, on the one hand, the recovery from the COVID pandemic is consolidated in all figures and parameters compared to 2019. A recovery that has been much faster and stronger than any organisation or think tank had anticipated. This is a sign of how important aviation is for European people as we travel for leisure, work, and personal issues.

This sign, this increasing demand to fly has been understood by all public and private stakeholders. Therefore, their commitment to achieving green aviation is becoming clearer and stronger. You sense this feeling “together we can, and together we will” in programs, actions, speeches at conferences, etc. We need to acknowledge this “no other way” if we want solid and socially respected aviation & airport sectors when, after a long and challenging process, Europe (Parliament, Commission, and all states) has approved the Fit 55 Agreement that fixes a definitive path for greening Europe aviation.

For ARC members, the cities and the regions that host an airport, on the one hand, this full recovery and the perspective of future growth means without any doubt that we will have to deal with more flights, more transport demands, more training for skilled workers, more demand of terminal expansion, runways, logistics areas, etc and, of course, more demands from citizens regarding mainly air quality and noise. On the other hand, the greening of the aviation and airport industries opens the doors to incredible opportunities not only to improve the quality of life of our citizens but also to support and to take profit from new investments, services, etc., that the green transition implies, for example, the production and/or distribution of green energies.

Well aware of these upcoming challenges and opportunities, ARC has been working this year to support its members in participating in the new initiatives and alliances promoted by the European Commission and other stakeholders like EUROCONTROL and EASA, explaining our positions, perspectives, and realities in the key

conferences and events of aviation and airport sectors, participating in a high number of meetings to collect the most updated information and organising conferences, events, meetings with MEPs and other public and private stakeholders to discuss the topics we consider most relevant to our members.

At the same time, ARC is participating in more EU-funded projects than ever before, taking part as members in four projects (OLGA, PULSAR, SAMVA, MultiModX) and as members of the advisory board in three (ALIGHT, INDIGO, and NEEDED). These participations enable us to join the development and the application of the strategies of airports and airport regions to deal with the challenges I commented on earlier and, later on, to share learned lessons with our members. In this sense, I do believe ARC is becoming the European hub of knowledge, cross-fertilization, and dissemination of airport, aviation, and territory relationships.

As it is well known, organisations are mainly their people, so let me take the opportunity to thank all my colleagues from the Executive Committee for their support to lead ARC during 2023 and to warmly say ‘goodbye’ to Ms. Ritva for all her outstanding work in Vantaa (Finland) and in ARC. Last, but not least, I want to recognise the great work developed by Ms. Alena Maximova as Communication Officer of Airport Regions Council for more than five years and to welcome Ms. Lili Pesti, who has been carrying out the communication activities since March.



Erich Valentin

ARC President



AIRPORT REGIONS COUNCIL'S

ACTIVITY STATISTICS

IN 2023

CONFERENCES



STAKEHOLDER EVENTS

WEBINARS & EVENTS



EMAIL CAMPAIGN

SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS



PROJECTS



PUBLICATIONS

2 ORGANISED

 +20 ATTENDED

7 CO-ORGANISED

 57K SENT

105 POSTS & TWEETS

4 ACTIVELY RUNNING

 4 RELEASED

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PROJECTS

To provide extensive knowledge of the field and share it with our members, ARC participates in various European Union-funded projects. This way, ARC and its members stay up to date with the innovations in the field and obtain recommendations for improvement.



MultiModX

Integrated Passenger-Centric Planning of Multimodal Transport Networks
2023 – 2025

The goal of MultiModX is to develop a set of innovative multimodal solutions and decision support tools for the coordinated planning and management of multimodal transport networks. MultiModX develops a multimodal modelling and evaluation framework, including a set of key performance areas and indicators, that enable a comprehensive characterisation of the impact of multimodal transport systems and multimodal solutions for a range of stakeholders.



PULSAR

Propelling eUropean Leadership through Synergizing Aviation Research
2023 – 2027
pulsar-project.eu

The primary goal of PULSAR is to help European policymakers identify key aviation research efforts that must be carried out until 2050 and beyond with respect to aviation noise and emissions, in the framework of the EU environmental objectives.



SAMVA

SBAS (EGNOS) Adoption in Multicopter VTOL Aircrafts

2022 – 2024

samva-project.eu

SAMVA focuses on the operational implementation of EGNOS satellite-based operations for new autonomous and electric aircraft capable of taking off and landing vertically (e-VTOL). SAMVA project will increase the adoption of EGNOS technology within the provision of rotorcraft services and will pave the way towards seamless integration of VTOL autonomous aircraft.



OLGA

hOListic Green Airport

www.olga-project.eu

This project started on October 1st, 2021, supporting the EU Green Deal. OLGA is developing innovative sustainable measures to reduce both air-side and landside emissions while improving energy efficiency, air quality, biodiversity, and waste management. Focusing on boosting environmental performance at airports from flight operations, passenger and freight services, and community perspectives, OLGA is uniquely positioned to showcase innovative sustainability measures and to demonstrate scalability and EU-wide applicability.

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ADVISORY BOARDS

ARC is also engaged in the advisory boards of EU-funded projects, providing professional expertise on current initiatives.

ALIGHT - A Lighthouse for the Introduction of Sustainable Aviation Solutions for the Future
<https://alight-aviation.eu/>

ASSURED-UAM - Acceptance Safety and Sustainability Recommendations for Efficient Deployment of Urban Air Mobility
<https://assured-uam.eu/>

AURORA - Taking Action on Climate Change
<https://www.aurora-h2020.eu/>

INDIGO - Integration and Digital Demonstration of Low-emission Aircraft Technologies and Airport Operations

NEEDED - Next Generation Data-Driven Reference European Models and Methods towards Silent and Green Aircraft Operations around Airports
<https://www.needed-project.eu/>

PANTHEON - Building Tomorrow's Community Disaster Resilience
<https://pantheon-project.eu/>

SYN+AIR - Synergies Between Transport Modes and Air Transportation
<https://syn-air.eu/>

X-TEAM D2D - Extended ATM for Door to Door Travel
<https://xteamd2d.eu/>

EU INITIATIVES

2023

ARC has established strong partnerships with key European institutions, agencies, and collaborators. Our organisation works closely with esteemed bodies, building connections with aviation-focused agencies and international organizations

Renewable and Low-Carbon
Fuels Value Chain Industrial
Alliance

Alliance for Zero-Emission
Aviation

Zero Pollution Stakeholder
Platform

Environmental Group of the
European Civil Aviation
Conference

Flying Green Stakeholder
Engagement and Consultation
Group

European Observatory on
Airport Capacity & Quality

All our publications are available at
airportregions.org/publications



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COMMUNICATION

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2023

17K WEBSITE VIEWS

2,7K NEW WEBSITE VISITORS

2,4K NEWSLETTER READERS

3,3K FOLLOWERS ON TWITTER

1,2K FOLLOWERS ON LINKEDIN

+600 REGISTRATIONS TO OUR EVENTS

ENGAGEMENT

GROWTH

274%

COMPARED TO 2022

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IN ACTION

Webinars and events organised in 2023

ARC Spring Conference (Ingenio, Spain)
OLGA Project review (Brussels, Belgium)
ARC Working group on UAM (Virtual)
ARC Working group on Hydrogen (Virtual)
Kick-off meeting MULTIMODX project (Brussels, Belgium)
Green Aviation Projects presentation (Paris, France)
PULSAR working meeting (Paris, France)
Hub Airports and their Regions conference (Warsaw, Poland, co-organized with CPK)
Get Me Home Safely (virtual, co-organised with ETF)
AZEA WG2 Regulatory Group online meetings

Meetings attended as speaker

Future of Aviation (Cluj, Romania)
BIO4A Final event (Brussels, Belgium)
Fueling Clean Aviation for Europe (Brussels, Belgium)
Role of the Regional Airports on the Green Transition (Liege, Belgium)
On the Path to a Non-Carbon Aviation (Virtual)
Future of SAF (Amsterdam, Netherlands)
More Electric Aircraft conference (Hamburg, Germany)
Data Space Summit (Nice, France)
Green Aviation EU Projects presentation (Paris, France)
Association of Romanian Airports Conference (Cluj, Romania)
World Aviation Festival (Lisbon, Portugal)
Manchester Airport Transport Forum (Manchester, UK)
International Airport Summit (London, UK)
Hub Airports and their Regions Conference (Warsaw, Poland)
Metropolitan Milan Strategic Logistic Master Plan Forum (Milan, Italy)
Intelligent Aerial Cities (Patras, Greece)

Meetings attended in 2023

- CIGALE project final event
- SESAR Annual Conference
- BOEING Fly to the Future
- European Regions Week on Climate Neutrality, Hydrogen Valleys & Energy Efficiency
- EBAA Summit
- EUROCONTROL/CANSO Conference on Contrail
- METREX Manifesto for Metropolitan Partnerships: Accelerating on a Greener, More Just and Competitive Europe
- UECNA webinar on Ultrafine Particles
- DG MOVE webinar on Carbon Neutral Mobility
- ERAA Is it Air Regional Connectivity on Risk?
- EUROCONTROL Noise Platform webinar
- BAA Aviation Summit

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MAIN STAKEHOLDERS

AVIATO	DG ENVI	EASA	MMU
BARCELONATECH	DG MOVE	ERAC	NLR
BAUHAUS LUFTFHART	DG RTD	EUROCONTROL	ONERA
COR	DLR	GROUPE ADP	SENASA



Erich Valentin
ARC President



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Mayor of Únětice, CZ



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Mayor of Vantaa, FI
(from 01.12.2023)



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Mayor of Vantaa, FI
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