

ACTIVITY REPORT 2017

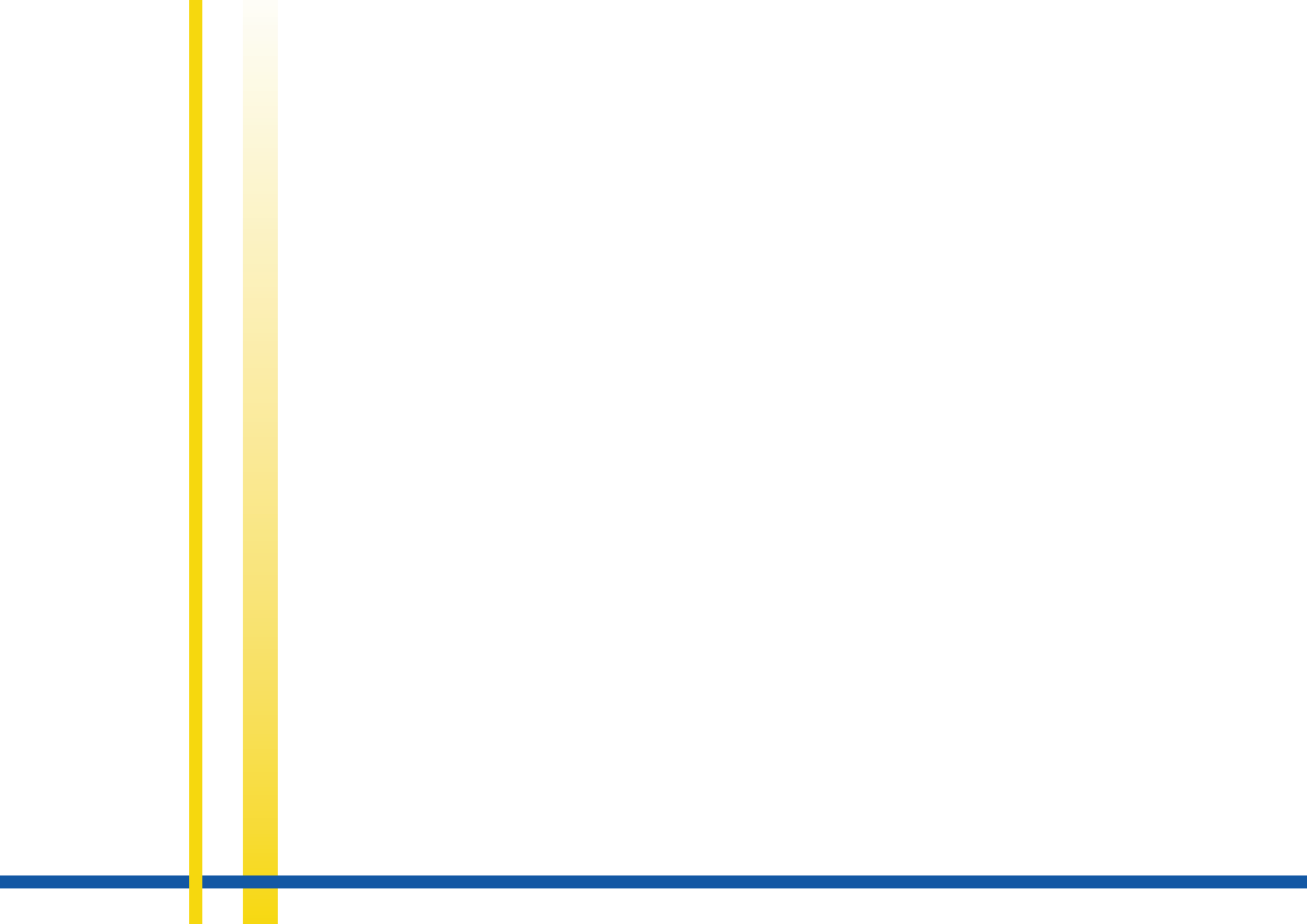
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AIRPORT REGIONS CONFERENCE

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WELCOME WORDS

2017 was a good year for Airport Regions Conference.

We increased our visibility by organising and attending several successful events, conferences and high-level meetings at the European institutions that attracted attention from key stakeholders in the European aviation scene. In the past year, our secretariat gained in capacity and we delivered a lot by letting our voice being heard in order to be included in Brussels' positions. Our commitment confirmed once more our important position as an influencer in the European policy-making process.

One of the major strengths and assets of the ARC is the crucial role we play in European projects. In 2017, two major projects were kicked off. First, there is the LAirA-project thanks to which all members are contributing to a more sustainable way to develop airport accessibility in Europe. The second initiative that officially launched in 2017 is the H2020 "ANIMA" project, which aims to mitigate the noise created by aircraft. In this annual report, you will discover more about these ambitious initiatives.

Being gathered all together under the ARC-umbrella makes it possible for us to express our ideas, to share our values and to learn from each other. The Secretariat guarantees that our concerns are being heard by the policymakers in charge and that our vision will be transformed into actions.

Our collective strategy is built-up with local touches from our members coming from all over Europe. This shows that we are committed to the European objectives, as we are all united in diversity.

Sergi Alegre Calero,
ARC President



VISION, MISSION and VALUES

OUR VISION based on sustainable airport growth which takes the grievances of the citizens living in airport regions and environmental concerns into account. We are striving to meet the interests of all stakeholders involved, in order to achieve a better future for everyone.

OUR MISSION is to serve and defend airport regions' interests towards the European institutions and key Airport and Aviation stakeholders. ARC is also present in numerous conferences and political forums where policy is being discussed together with the main aviation stakeholders. We maintain solid relationships with several members of the European Parliament who care about the same goals and share the same vision. ARC is building a professional network and a platform to foster knowledge building and sharing. ARC helps its members to anticipate aviation changes by enabling fast and extensive access to research studies, EU projects, press releases, trainings and news on current issues.

OUR VALUES are economic growth of airport regions and care about the human factor which is inseparable from this evolution. Guaranteeing the lowest possible impact on the environment and improving the quality of life of citizens neighbouring airports are the key principles of ARC and its members.





2017 IN FIGURES

16 Countries
32 Member Regions
70 Million Residents
618 Million Passengers

OUR MEMBERSHIP

is diverse, ranging from members that have on their territories the largest hubs in Europe (Frankfurt, Paris, Heathrow, Amsterdam, Barcelona, Madrid) to members that have small, but important regional airports bound for development (Oulu, Iasi, Malta).

ARC is an association of regional authorities across Europe hosting and neighbouring international airports situated on their territory

**REGIONS
MAKE
EUROPE
FLY**

Our Members



Austria

Vienna City Council

Belgium

Province of Vlaams-Brabant
The Walloon Company of Airports

Czech Republic

Prague Airport Region

Finland

Oulu Town Council
Uusimaa Regional Council
Vantaa City Council

France

Paris Region Planning and Development
Agency (IAU Ile-de-France)
Val d'Oise Department

Germany

Bavarian Ministry of Economic Affairs
Metropolitan Region Rhein-Neckar
Regional Authority FrankfurtRheinMain
State of Berlin and State of Brandenburg

Hungary

Budapest District XVIII

Ireland

Fingal City Council



Malta

Transport Malta

Netherlands

Beek Town Council

Province of Drenthe

Rotterdam City Council

Norway

Akershus County Council

Øvre Romerike Development

Poland

Mazovia Region

Romania

Iasi County Council

Spain

Barcelona Municipal Council

El Prat de Llobregat Town Council

Gavà Town Council

Government of Catalonia

Government of the Canary Islands

Madrid City Council

Sweden

Gothenburg Region

Stockholm County Council & Sigtuna

Härbyda Municipality

United Kingdom

London Borough of Hounslow

City of Vienna



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Bayerisches Staatsministerium für
Wirtschaft und Medien, Energie
und Technologie



Ajuntament
de Gavà



Generalitat
de Catalunya



Gobierno
de Canarias



OULU



Helsinki-Uusimaa
Regional Council



Metropolregion
Rhein-Neckar



European Office
Frankfurt/RheinMain



Mazovia.
heart of Poland



Vantaa



Fingal County Council
Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall



Ajuntament de Barcelona



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ET D'URBANISME
* Île de France



Transport Malta





January

- “Airports regions and environment” ARC’s presentation at Ecole Nationale de l’Aviation Civile (ENAC), Toulouse
- Connectivity workshop, at Eurocontrol, Brussels
- Workshop “EU Aviation Research Policy on Noise” at the European Commission, Brussels

March

- Committee of the Regions (CoR) and the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) Connectivity hearing, Brussels
- Ultrafine Particles (UFP) Workshop, Brussels
- Breakfast meeting on “When Aviation Strategy meets Regions” at the European Parliament, Brussels

April

- ARC Assembly, Paris
- Passenger Terminal Conference, Amsterdam
- Workshops on “Sustainable Airport Areas” and “Training and Employment in Airport Regions” at the Institute of Urban Planning and Development of Paris Region (IAU)

May

- European Observatory on Airport Capacity & Quality Plenary Meeting, European Commission, Brussels

June

- LAirA Kick Off meeting, Budapest
- Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe (CPMR), Brussels
- Paris Air Forum
- European Parliament meeting on carbon footprint, Brussels



September

- Visit of Mayor of Vantaa's delegation at the ARC office
- Smart Airports Conference, Munich

October

- Sustainable Airport Area Workshop, Paris
- ANIMA Kick-Off Meeting, Paris
- Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe (CPMR), Vantaa
- ARC's presentation on "Airport Sustainable Development" at Institut de Formation Universitaire et de Recherche du Transport Aérien (IFURTA), Aix-en-Provence

November

- "European airports and their residents", presentation at Ecole Nationale de l'Aviation Civile (ENAC), Toulouse
- LAirA Technical Meeting, Warsaw
- Surface Access Conference, Brussels

December

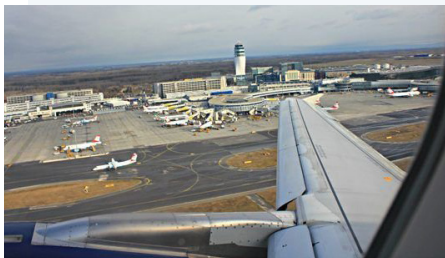
- Breakfast Meeting on Air Connectivity at the European Parliament, Brussels

CONNECTIVITY

More connectivity between our members! Estonian carrier Nordica will connect Airport Eelde in Drenthe with Brussels and Munich in our member regions Vlaams Brabant and Bavaria!



Congratulations to our member Provincie Drenthe for Airport Eelde to be connected with yet another nice city, Nice!



Vienna Airport aims to become hub for east-west flights

AIR CARGO



Liege Airport: flights to China to resume starting from April 2017 and Liège Airport confirms its leadership as number one Cargo airport in Belgium

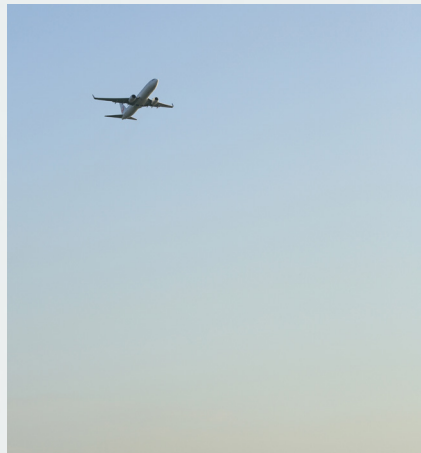
AIRPORT REGIONS' MAIN ACTIVITIES in 2017

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Gothenburg: Sustainable city, open to the world. Congrats to our member region for winning, for the 2nd time, the Global Destination sustainability award!



Great news about Prague Airport, that has earned the accreditation level of optimisation! It has been actively involved in decarbonisation - first example of dAIR Project



MOBILITY



Germany's first driverless bus takes to the roads in Bavaria!



Aviapolis City in Helsinki-Vantaa is a real testbed for developing smart and clean mobility services, says Arja Lukin at ARCGARA17

More green,
sustainable and
connected news:
@AirportRegions



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Aviation connectivity: a regional perspective

MEP Urmas Paet and the Airport Regions Conference co-organised a breakfast meeting on the topic of air connectivity on December 5, 2017 at the European Parliament.

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Airport Access Conference 2017

Airport Regions Conference and Global AirRail Alliance jointly organised a full day conference on airport access.

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Training and Employment in Airport Regions

ARC together with IAU and Hubstart Paris organised a conference dedicated to Training and Employment in Airport Regions.

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Ultrafine Particles in Airport Regions

ARC together with the European Office of FrankfurtRheinMain organised a conference dedicated to Ultrafine Particles.

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Breakfast debate on “When Aviation Strategy meets Regions”

MEP Pavel Telička hosted the ARC breakfast meeting at the European Parliament.



ONGOING PROJECTS in 2017



ANIMA

Aviation Noise Impact Management
through Novel Approaches

ANIMA is a people-oriented research project on aviation noise. It aims at coordinating research efforts on the topic. The consortium comprises most of the European major aeronautical research centres and is led by the French aerospace research institute ONERA (l'Office national d'études et de recherches aérospatiales).

The ARC's role in the project is to widely disseminate the outcomes of ANIMA in order to maximise its impact. The ARC is in charge of the set of activities dedicated to communication, dissemination and exploitation of the project's results.



LAirA

Landside Airport Accessibility

LAirA is a research project on airport accessibility to be fostered through an improvement of public transport services. The objective is to enhance the capacities of authorities and entities of the public sector to plan and develop low carbon mobility solutions easing the access of airports (both for passengers and employees), as major generators and attractors of passenger flows in Functional Urban Areas.

The lead partner is the ARC member Budapest 18th district. The ARC' role is as communication and dissemination partner.



The ARC is actively seeking to contribute to European projects, to support our values, strategic objectives, and our members. To us, projects not only are a tool for developing knowledge, but also a tool for reinforcing cooperation between our member regions.

Thanks to our experience in previous European projects, our vast network within local and regional authorities and our exceptional knowledge of the sector, we are an eligible and valuable partner for communication and dissemination activities in all projects related to aviation, airports and their regions.

Our interests are in line with the concerns of our members: aviation noise and emissions, training and employment in airport regions, congestion and airport capacity, land use and airport expansion, intermodality, surface access and connectivity.

ARC,
your experienced and legitimate
Project Partner

A large commercial airplane is parked on a tarmac. Ground crew members in high-visibility vests are visible around the aircraft. A service vehicle is positioned near the engine. The background shows airport infrastructure and other planes. The text "ARC WORKING GROUPS" is overlaid in a blue box.

ARC WORKING GROUPS



SURFACE ACCESS

Leader: Per Kristersson,
Gothenburg Region

The ARC assembly meeting in Brussels on 14-15 November had a surface access theme, organised together with the Global Air Rail Alliance (GARA). The leader also supported several applications to EU funded projects related to airport access. In addition, LAirA project falls under the scope of intermodality and was successfully selected.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

Leader: Jean-François Benon,
Val d'Oise Development Agency

A conference on training and employment in airport regions took place in Paris on 5 April. As a follow-up, we initiated a survey on the training and employment in airport regions which was prepared by Val d'Oise County Council and will be distributed to ARC members.



SPATIAL PLANNING AND AIR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Leader: Regina Wiala-Zimm,
City of Vienna

In 2017, this working group focused on the elaboration of new projects and actively participated in the ARC activities.



NOISE AND ENVIRONMENT

Leader: Joachim Wempe,
Frankfurt Metropolitan Region

The Ultra fine particles (UFP) workshop took place in Brussels on 23 March, a joint effort between FrankfurtRheinMain and the ARC Secretariat. The conference gathered around 70 attendees and has shown that there is strong interest on this topic, which is rising on the political agenda. The outcome was distributed on several occasions to our members. The group also supported the lobbying activities and the environmental report and last, but far from least the Interest Group leader offered constant support to the ARC application in the ANIMA project.

European Institutional Partners



European Parliament



**European Committee
of the Regions**



EUROCONTROL



Lobbying

In order to achieve the common goals and to address the shared interests of our members, Airport Regions Conference maintains solid and fruitful relations with key stakeholders in the European aviation policy-making process.

Due to the focused and driven approach of its Secretariat, ARC can work on a regular basis with key European institutions, agencies and partners. ARC cooperates closely with European institutions, such as the European Commission, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) and the European Committee of the Regions (CoR). Relations with agencies and international organisations who handle aviation directly is a priority for ARC. Therefore, it has close bonds with entities like EUROCONTROL, the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) and the European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC).

As a member of the Airport Capacity Observatory, hosted by the European Commission and Network Manager EUROCONTROL, ARC succeeds to emphasise its vision and values in the investigation process to improve aspects of the European aviation industry. Last year, air connectivity as an instrument for economic and social cohesion in the EU, was a key subject in this forum.

In 2017, ARC has strengthened its presence in the European Parliament by working together with Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) linked to all political groups that share the ARC's vision to draw attention on crucial aviation related topics. ARC hosted several so-called MEP breakfast meetings. A very first edition was held with Czech MEP Pavel Telička (ALDE) on 1 March 2017. Mr Telička presented his report on the European Aviation Strategy to a group of ARC members and external guests. During a second MEP breakfast meeting on 5 December 2017 hosted by Estonian MEP Urmas Paet (ALDE) with the help of the Estonian Permanent Representation, the necessity of sufficient air connectivity between peripheral regions and the heart of the European economy was put on the agenda again.

Topics covered in 2017:

- Aviation strategy for Europe
- Noise pollution
- Air quality
- Connectivity

In the form of:

- Participation in working expert groups
- Participation in hearings and opinions
- Participation in consultations
- Breakfast Meetings

Communication

Presence on the international aviation stage

The ARC participates in international conferences and debates in Brussels, and around the world, to voice the concerns of our member airport regions. This contributes to increasing the visibility of the residents' concerns, and of the ARC as an organisation. It supports the legitimacy of our positions by making them known, and it establishes the ARC as a key actor to our fellow airport regions, to the European institutions, and to industry partners.

Involvement in academia

The ARC involvement with Academia is growing every year as we are asked to make presentations to students on a frequent basis. We were present at ENAC (Ecole Nationale de l'Aviation Civile) in Toulouse on the subject "Airports, regions and environment". We are also engaged with IFURTA (Aix-Marseille university).

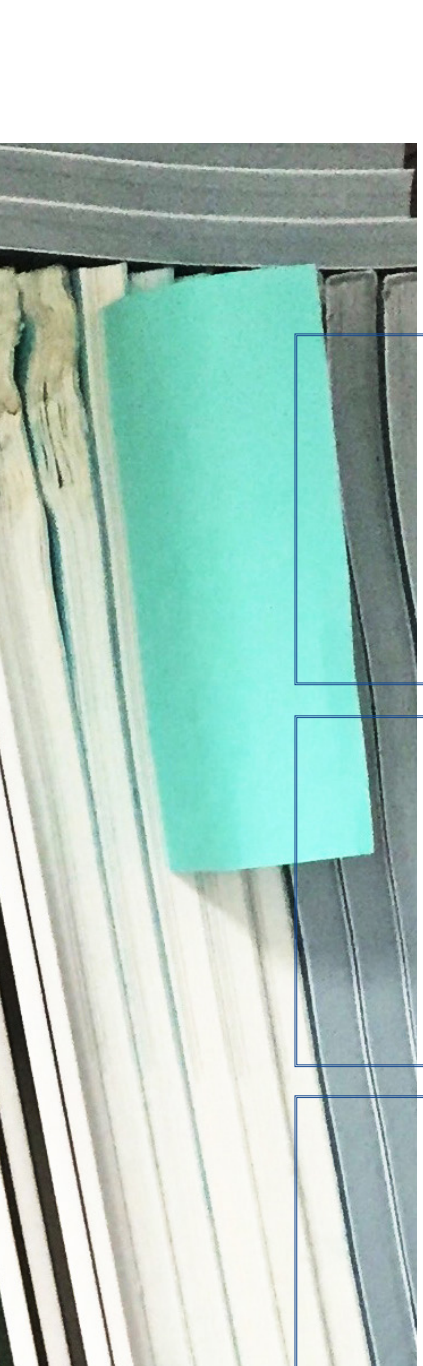
Cooperation with regions

In June, the Inter-Commission Working Group on Transport of the organisation CPMR (Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions) held a meeting where the ARC was represented. We have been invited to further contribute to their work and to continue the collaboration, notably at their General Assembly in Helsinki.

IN THE SECRET NEWSLETTER • Dedicated to ARC members • Fosters the creation of a cooperative network that works strategically on topics of common interest • Information on the latest events and press releases	232 Recipients 57 Issues 13 Conference Invitations	
REGIONS AND AIRPORTS • Bi-monthly newsletter • Addressed to both members and the wider community • The latest information about the aviation sector	3,323 Recipients 12 Issues 63 Aviation Related Articles	
WEBSITE • Online portal with different types of access: open and free access for members and controlled access for visitors. • Scientific publications, conference material, updates on the latest events	8,121 Unique Visits 6,134 Users 19,390 Page Views	
SOCIAL MEDIA • Increased visibility of our main activities and objectives • Transparent communication • Engagement with the wider community	3421 Twitter Followers 218,760 Twitter Impressions 170 Facebook Followers	

Publications





ARC not only aims at exchanging information and sharing knowledge but also at gaining new insights in the airport planning process to support decision making. ARC is frequently producing studies and special reports on current and burning subjects, often as a result of the work in the different project groups.

AIR CARGO IN AIRPORT REGIONS

This study aims to deepen understanding of the air cargo industry. The main aspects discussed in this study are: how air cargo works and who are the main players; the main issues and trends air cargo has to face; the way air cargo impacts territories and local communities.

NEW ENVIRONMENTAL DEAL FOR AIRPORT REGIONS

This report presents the outcomes of the ARC Annual General Meeting, which took place in June 2015, in the Oslo – Akershus region. It was published in January 2016 and covers different environmental aspects, such as transportation challenges, air pollution, climate change and more.

THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF AIRPORTS

Regions can be entirely against the presence of an airport, but sometimes an airport completely ignores the existence of a region. An airport is nothing without the airlines, and this also has to play a part and collaborate with the other two. The ARC tries to identify common ground for successful strategies, aiming for a balanced triangle, where all the actors are working together.

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Sergi Alegre
President

Sergi Alegre Calero is the Vice-Mayor of El Prat de Llobregat in Spain, where he is in charge of spatial planning and environmental issues. The Barcelona El Prat airport is one of the fastest growing European airports, and Mr. Alegre Calero has been responsible for accommodating the needs and constraints of a fast growing business. Mr. Alegre Calero has been serving on the ARC Executive Committee since 2002. He became the ARC president in 2011.



Erich Valentin
Vice-President

Erich Valentin is a member of the Vienna City Council and Provincial Parliament, where he serves as Chairman on the Environment Committee. He is in charge of spatial planning and environmental issues at municipal and district level. Thanks to his role in the cooperation with Vienna International Airport, including the mediation process, planning and land use, he represents the City of Vienna in the ARC Executive Committee. He became Vice President in 2011.



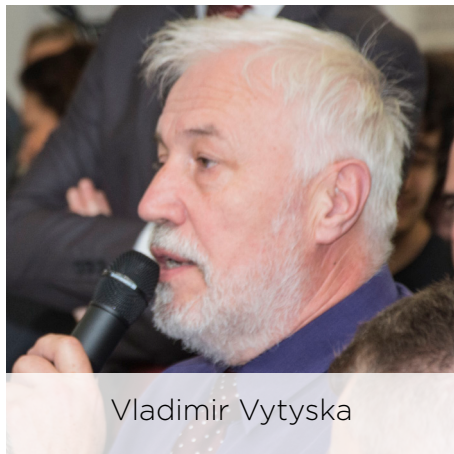
Anne Devitt
Honorary President

Councillor Anne Devitt has been the political representative of Fingal County Council, Ireland to the ARC since Fingal joined in 2001. Cllr Devitt was the first chairperson of the newly formed Northern Area Health Board and held that position over a two year period. She also holds the Chair of the Strategic Policy Committee for Community, Recreation and Amenity of Fingal County Council. She was elected as ARC president between 2002-2011. Since 2012 Cllr Devitt is an honorary member on the ARC Executive Committee.



Lars Birger Salvesen
Vice-President

Lars Salvesen is a Norwegian politician and the Deputy County Mayor of Akershus. Akershus is the region surrounding the capital city of Oslo. Salvesen's main field of expertise is transport politics. He has formerly been elected president of The Norwegian Youth Council (LNU), and General Secretary of the Young Christian Democrats. He also worked as a political advisor in the Parliament for the Christian Democratic Party and as adviser for the Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities (KS).



Vladimír Vytyska

Vladimír Vytyska is the Mayor of Únetice, outside of Prague in the Czech Republic. Vytyska, with a diploma in economy, has been elected as Mayor of Únetice for the last twenty years. He has also studied music, and is an active musician. Vytyska represents Prague Airport Region (association of municipalities around Prague Airport) in ARC, and he has been a member on the Executive Committee since 2010.



Maria Rydén

Ms. Maria Rydén is a Member of the City of Gothenburg's Executive Board for the Moderate Party since 2010. Her political responsibilities concern areas such as geriatric care, public health care and human rights amongst other things. These issues are consistent with Ms. Rydén's political commitment in many ways. She focalises the individuals' perspective; their right to be different and the importance of giving people the ability to make their own choices in life. Ms. Rydén is also currently a member of the City Council.



Ludger Stüve

Ludger Stüve is Director of Regionalverband FrankfurtRheinMain, a regional authority responsible for land use planning and regional development in the Frankfurt Rhine-Main area. Mr Stüve also is non-executive director of different regional corporations for business development, marketing and culture. Before Ludger Stüve was elected as Regionalverband's director in 2012 he served as mayor of Schöneck – a town near Frankfurt – for eleven years. Prior to this he worked in IT and controlling departments of several major banks.



Alexandre Pueyo

Alexandre Pueyo is councillor of the Val d'Oise County Council. Graduate of Business School, he is in charge of the public relations of an energy company, and has one representative mandate. His political responsibilities concern areas such as environmental questions, particularly noise (he is Vice President of Bruitparif), and social housing (he's board member of public social housing operators). He is also in charge of the "Charter of sustainability in Val d'Oise" signed by the local authorities of the County.

The ARC Secretariat

is the executive body of the ARC and is based in Brussels. Its role is to support the managerial decisions, and also to be the interface between the ARC members and the European institutions.



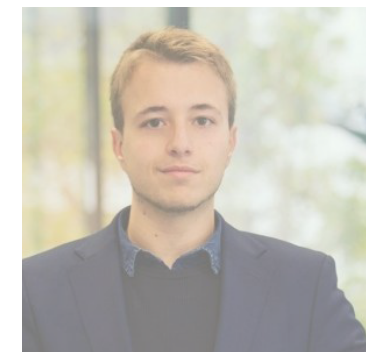
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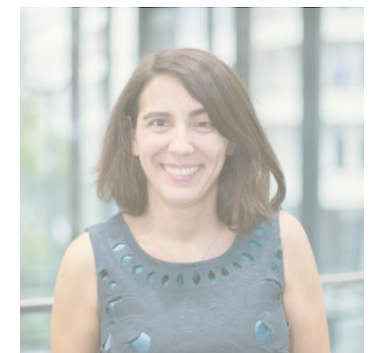
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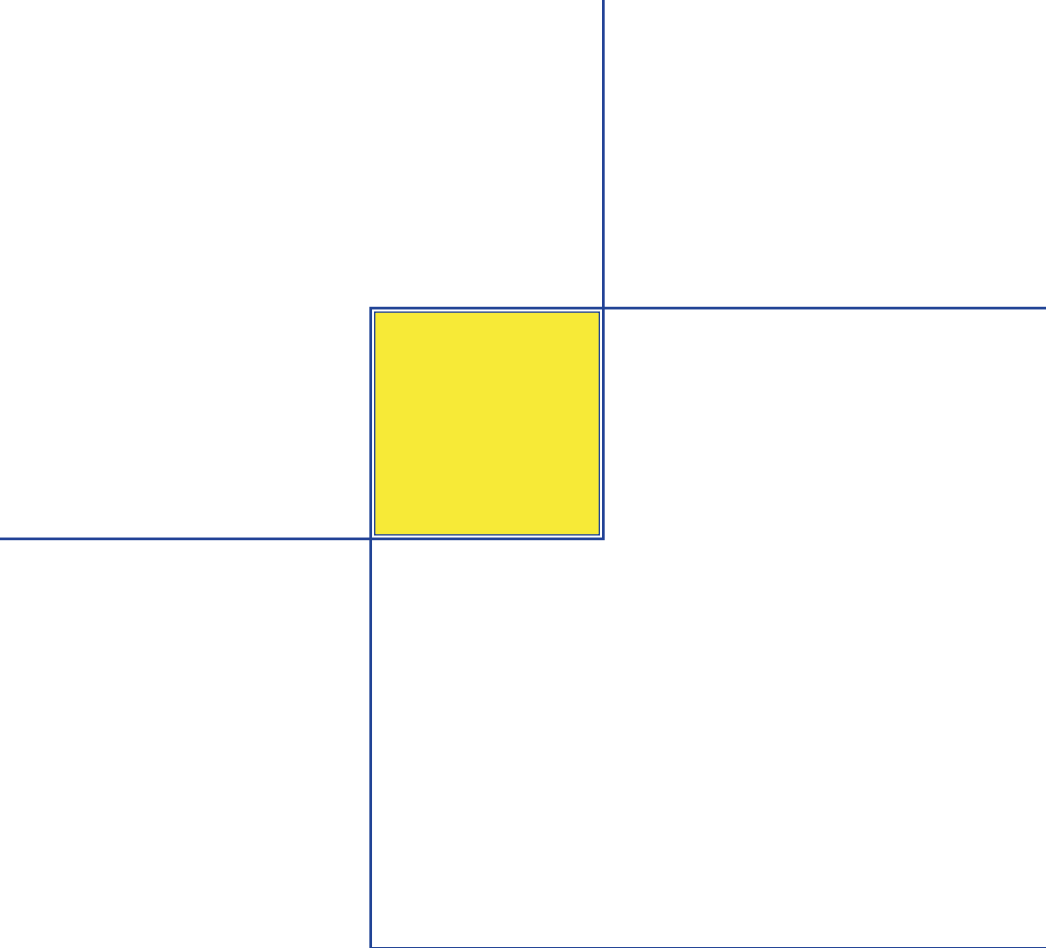
Become a member

The ARC membership benefits:

- An opportunity to connect with counterparts from all over Europe
- Representation of your voice and interests of airport and aviation-related topics to the European institutions
- Fast and extensive access to research studies, press releases, reports and news on current issues through the members-only section of the website
- Weekly newsletter subscription and increased visibility of your organisation on social media
- Reduced rates for selected industry conferences, European and international workshops, trainings and seminars
- Access to conference materials and workshops to share best practices and improve workflow
- Participation in EU projects, such as Interreg, Horizon 2020, etc.

ARC membership is divided between full members and associated members. The full members are regional or local authorities who have an important international airport within or close to their territory. Other organisations that are active in areas related to airports may become associated members.

If you are interested and would like to receive more information, please contact the ARC Secretariat at info@airportregions.org



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