



2024

ACTIVITY REPORT



1994 – 2024

For ARC, 2024 will always be remembered as its 30 years anniversary. An anniversary that was shaped by our conferences in May in the city of Vantaa (one of the two remaining members from the beginning of the organization) that as a clear sign of its commitment to ARC want to add to their 50 anniversary celebrations as city, ARC Spring Conference devoted to the new challenges of airport regions. The other milestone of our celebrations were, of course, our high political event in our facilities at the Hessen Representation building in Brussels where members mixed with stakeholders and friends and had the privilege to share the thoughts of great speakers as Ourania Georgoutsakou, Managing Director of Airlines for Europe, and Montserrat Barriga, Secretary General of European Regions Airlines Association. Taking the opportunity of our celebration ARC launched a Manifesto underlining the importance of airport regions in the past 30 years if not mainly in the future for two main reasons: the forecasted growth of all figures in the sector and the increase complexity of their governance what is and will be the most important factor for the achievement of a great aviation for all.

But, of course, 2024 was not just a celebration year. It has been too an important year as we have achieved some important milestones as to participate, for the first time in our history as a full member in five EU funded projects and in seven as member of the Advisory Board. I think this figures show, on one hand, the great value of ARC for important stakeholders of the aviation sector as ADP, DLH, NLR, etc. and, on the other hand, the great commitment of our staff. Projects let ARC a level of knowledge of best practices and visibility that it would be impossible to get.

Even if ARC was much focused in regular and extraordinary activities, as a European organization we were not outsiders of the two most important political milestones of 2024: the European elections and the designation of a new Commission. On this regard, some weeks before the elections ARC launched a Manifesto addressed to the new MEPs underlining the need to intensify the progress to a green aviation with an important remark to not exclude the aviation noise as we

consider it is the most important environmental impact to citizens living in the nearby areas of airports and, therefore, the most important social opposition to the growth of the sector. After the elections, we contacted with all MEPs of Committees of Regional Development, Environment and Tourism & Transport and had some private meetings with some of them. Last, but not least, we welcomed the new Commission and showed our commitment to contribute to their main goals in these troubled times linked with the Ukraine-Russia war, the election of Mr. Trump as USA President and the challenges coming from the Far East, mainly China.

To conclude, 2024 has remembered to all how important was the initiative and decision of the founders' parents of ARC 30 years ago due the increasing importance of aviation at world, European and regional level. As one of the speakers mentioned in his speech, "If ARC would have not been funded, someone should". We have done, do and will do our best to fulfil their goal, our goal: to get the best for airport regions, now and in the next 30 years.



Erich Valentin

ARC President

30 YEARS IN ACTION

1994 – 2024

AIRPORT REGIONS COUNCIL

COMMUNICATION CHANNELS'

STATISTICS

IN 2024

NEWSLETTER FOR ARC MEMBERS

ARC NEWSLETTER

LINKEDIN ACCOUNT

WEBINARS & EVENTS

EVENTS WE PARTICIPATED IN

EU PROJECTS

PUBLICATIONS

109 RECIPIENTS

2.5K SUBSCRIBERS

1,3K FOLLOWERS

9 HOSTED & ORGANISED

+35 ATTENDED

5 ACTIVELY RUNNING

4 PRODUCED

APPROXIMATE
**SOCIAL MEDIA
ENGAGEMENT
+100K**

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PROJECTS

To provide extensive knowledge of the field and share it with our members, ARC participates in various EU-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

multimodx.eu

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.



PULSAR

Propelling eUropean Leadership through Synergizing Aviation Research

2023 – 2027

pulsar-project.eu

PULSAR proposes an agenda for the European Aviation Research and Innovation in support to European policies and initiatives. The project will carry out an analysis of relevant technical and scientific projects at national and European levels. PULSAR also aims to connect better European aviation R&I with education and skills, and to communicate the European aviation R&I to citizens and stakeholders.

PROJECTS

2024

PRIAM

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Planning Regional-scales operation for Innovative Air Mobility
2024 – 2027
priam-project-sesar.eu

The goal of PRIAM is to develop a data analytics and modelling toolset that supports a passenger-centric integration of IAM into multimodal regional transport networks across Europe.



SAMVA

SBAS (EGNOS) Adoption in Multicopter VTOL Aircraft
2022 – 2024
samva-project.eu

SAMVA is focused on operational implementation of EGNOS satellite-based operations with traditional helicopters, and new autonomous and electric aircraft capable to take-off and land vertically (e-VTOL).



OLGA

hOListic Green Airport
2021 – 2026
olga-project.eu

OLGA addresses the challenge of reducing the environmental impact of the air transportation sector as a whole. OLGA partners (airports, airline, handler, industry, research, SMEs) unite a wealth of expertise to contribute to solving this complex challenge: efficient and carbon neutral airport and airline operations, sustainable logistics, smart energy & mobility, intermodality for passengers and freight, emission/air quality assessments, green construction and circular end-of-life solutions.

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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
alight-aviation.eu

ASSURED-UAM — Acceptance Safety and Sustainability Recommendations for Efficient Deployment of Urban Air Mobility
assured-uam.eu

AURORA — Taking Action on Climate Change
aurora-h2020.eu

ENGAGE2 — The bridge between academia and industry in the ATM domain.
engagektn.eu

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

MAIA — The project pioneering multimodal airport access.
maiasesarproject.eu

MUSE — (Monitoring Urban Security & Environment) project focuses on ensuring that Urban Air Mobility (UAM) services positively impact society
musesesarproject.eu/about

NEEDED — Next Generation Data-Driven Reference European Models and Methods towards Silent and Green Aircraft Operations around Airports
needed-project.eu

SYNAIR — SYnergies between transport modes and AIR transportation
sesarju.eu/projects/synair

X-TEAM D2D — eXTended AtM for Door2Door travel
xteamdt2d.eu

U-ELCOME — helping get Europe-wide U-space implementation.
eurocontrol.int/project/u-elcome

EU INITIATIVES

2024

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**

Additional Advocacy Initiatives:

NASA Urban Air Mobility Working Group
Manifesto EU Elections
Manifesto 30 Years Anniversary
Meetings with 14 Members of the European Parliament



WEBINARS AND EVENTS

2024

OLGA project Seminar (Zagreb, Croatia)

PULSAR Workshop at the EU Parliament (Brussels, Belgium)

OLGA Workshop at the European Parliament

MultiModx Industry Board meeting & Dissemination (Brussels, Belgium)

Conference ARC: Dealing with old and new challenges (Vantaa, Finland)

Conference ARC: 30 years celebration

Webinar: Financing the green aviation transition (Co-organised with ENVISA)

Webinar: The use of aerospace technology in airport areas (Co-organised with ESA's Business Applications and Space Solutions together with the EUROCONTROL Innovation Hub)

Public speaking at events

La Soirée of Green Mobility (Brussels, Belgium)

CPK Conference on Hub Airports and their regions (Warsaw, Poland)

Gardemoreregionen Chairmans Conference 2024 (Gardemore, Norway)

Stargate territorial impact event (Brussels, Belgium)

Green airports ICAO Conference (Athens, Greece)

Passenger Terminal Conference (Frankfurt, Germany)

Drones and social acceptance (Madrid, Spain)

World Aviation Festival (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)

Sustainable Aviation Fuel (Athens, Greece)

ACI-LAC Assembly & Conference (Guadalajara, Mexico)

Green aviation: 2050 Scenario (Madrid, Spain)

Integrated Future (Sevilla, Spain)

Alight Bold Vision (Copenhagen, Denmark)

Future of Heathrow Conference (London, United Kingdom)

MEETINGS ATTENDED 2024

- SESAR Innovation days (Sevilla, Spain)
- Drone over cities (Brussels, Belgium)
- AZEA Assembly (Brussels, Belgium)
- ZPSP Assembly (Brussels, Belgium)
- Future Mobility (Brussels, Belgium)
- The aerospace land on to new horizons (Brussels, Belgium)
- La Soirée of Green Mobility (Brussels, Belgium)
- Moving forward together: What's next for EU mobility and transport? (Brussels, Belgium)
- Sustainable Airport for the Future (Charleroi, Belgium),
- Sustainable Air Mobility in Irish Regions (Brussels, Belgium)
- Potential of Rail to Replace Short-haul Flights (webinar)
- Innovation Fund (webinar)
- Summer 2024 Aviation Traffic Predictability (Brussels, Belgium)
- World Hydrogen Policy & Regulation (webinar)
- Eutropean Summit of Regions and Cities (Brussels, Belgium)
- EBAA convention (Brussels, Belgium)
- Assessment of the production and supply of SAF in Union airports (webinar)
- A4E Aviation summit (Brussels, Belgium)
- High-level Workshop on Synergies between European and national/regional research & innovation programmes in the aviation sector (Brussels, Belgium)
- Stakeholder workshop on the Commission Implementing Regulation establishing a flight emission calculator (Brussels, Belgium)
- Connecting Europe Days (Brussels, Belgium)
- RLFC Seminar at the EU Parliament (Brussels, Belgium)
- Aircraft & Engine Manufacturers' Initiation to 100% SAF Transition (webinar)
- UECNA Balanced Approach at Schiphol Airport (webinar)
- State of the European Transport
- T&E (webinar)
- Clean Energy Summit (Brussels, Belgium),
- Transitioning from Airports to Energy Hub (webinar)
- Unvex 2024 (Barcelona, Spain),
- 7th Environmental forum ECAC (Paris, France)
- Seas 2 Skies (Brussels, Belgium)



PUBLICATIONS 2024

All our publications are available on our website at: airportregions.org

Our Main Stakeholders

Aviato	DG ENVI	ERA	Groupe ADP
A4E	DG RTD	NLR	MMU
CoR	DLR	ERAC	ONERA
DG MOVE	EASA	EUROCONTROL	SENASA



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