



Airport Regions Council (ARC), founded in 1994, is the Association of regional and local authorities with an airport situated within or near their territories. Our members represent more than 70 million residents all over Europe and beyond.

ARC brings together a wide range of expertise at the interface of air transport and airports, and local and regional administrations. A common concern is to promote and to balance at the same time the benefits generated by the airports (revenues, jobs, transport network...) and their environmental impact (noise, air quality, urban limitations). A balance that can only be reached with the foundation of a direct and honest relationship between the local and regional administrations and the airport authorities, supported by a shared common vision and with best practice proposals.

OUR VISION is to bring together a region and an airport and to facilitate their interaction and cooperation on all levels, ranging from governance, economy, environment, urban planning and mobility, allowing them to work together to improve residents' quality of life, to avoid, prevent, minimise and compensate the negative impacts of airport activities and providing its members with tools and knowledge to plan, invest, share and maximise the benefits of the aviation sector.

OUR MISSION is to communicate and disseminate airport regions' interests towards the European institutions and key airport and 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 also present in numerous conferences and political forums where policy is being discussed together with the main aviation stakeholders. ARC is building a professional network and a platform to foster knowledge building and sharing. ARC helps its members to be updated with the state of art and 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 quality of life of citizens neighbouring airports, the lowest possible impact on the environment and economic growth of airport regions and care about the human factor which is inseparable from this evolution.



Erich Valentin
ARC President

Our Membership

is diverse, ranging from members that have on their territories the main airport hubs in Europe (Paris, Frankfurt, Madrid, Vienna) to members that have small, but important regional airports bound for development (Oulu, Iasi, Malta and Eilat).

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

Austria

Vienna City Council

Belgium

Province of Vlaams-Brabant
The Walloon Company of Airports (SOWAER)

Czech Republic

Prague Airport Region

Finland

Oulu Town Council
Uusimaa Regional Council
Vantaa City Council

France

L'Institut Paris Region
Val d'Oise Department

Germany

Metropolitan Region Rhein-Neckar
Regional Authority FrankfurtRheinMain
State of Berlin and State of Brandenburg

Ireland

Fingal County Council

Israel

Eilat Municipality & Eilat Regional Council

Malta

Transport Malta

Netherlands

Province of Drenthe
Rotterdam City Council

Norway

Viken County Council
Region of Gardermoen
Intermunicipal Political Council

Portugal

Metropolitan Authority Porto

Romania

Iasi County Council

Slovakia

Kosice Self-governing Region

Spain

Barcelona Municipal Council
El Prat de Llobregat Town Council
Gava Town Council
Government of Catalonia
Madrid City Council
Ingenio

Sweden

Gothenburg Region
Municipality of Härryda

All members form together the ARC Assembly, which gathers twice per year.

WHAT WE **DO**



EU PROJECTS

ADVOCACY

PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH PAPERS

TRAINING

COMMUNICATION

EVENT MANAGMENT

ARC Key Areas in Project Development

- Decarbonisation of airport areas
 - Economic Development
 - Intermodality and Connectivity
 - Training and employment in airport regions
 - Aviation noise
 - Territorial Integration and Urban Development
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To achieve the common goals and to address the shared interests of our members, Airport Regions Council on the one hand, maintains stable and fruitful relations with key stakeholders in the European airport and aviation sectors and, on the other, expresses its vision via position papers.

Thanks to the focused and driven approach of its Secretariat, ARC is working 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 which 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 succeeded in emphasising 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.

ARC 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.

European Institutional Partners



European Parliament



European Committee
of the Regions



European
Commission



EUROCONTROL

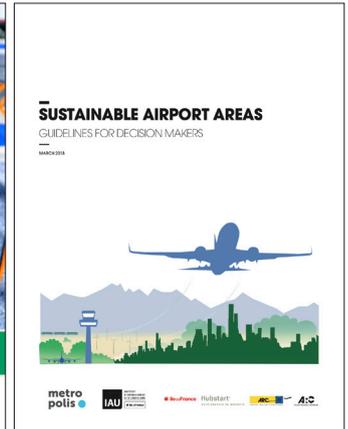


European Economic and Social Committee



ARC not only aims to exchange information and share knowledge, but also to gain new insights in the airport-territory relations to support decision making. ARC, by itself or with other organisations, produces studies and special reports on specific subjects, often as a result of the work in the different project groups.

Our publications are available on our website:
airportregions.org/publications



In the context of globalisation, international airports have become strategic assets for the development and attractiveness of countries.

What is true at the national level is also true at the more local scale of the areas surrounding an international airport, and whose own urban, demographic, social, economic and environmental development is closely linked to the presence of such major equipment. These territories, whose contours, perimeters and profiles can be very different from one geographical context to another, but which have in common that their destiny is linked to the presence of an international airport, can be referred to as “Airport Areas”.

All airport areas are thus engaged in multiple interactions with their airport and vice versa. Some of these interactions are positive: for instance, the airport activity generates economic benefits for the surrounding areas in terms of jobs, of local taxation, of notoriety, of the transport network and so on. Conversely, airport activity also generates negative externalities on the surrounding environment in terms of air pollution, noise pollution, traffic congestion, agricultural land consumption, urban development, etc.

Airport areas are therefore facing many challenges of their own, which need to be tackled on this territorial scale. In view of all these challenges, more and more airport authorities and local and regional decision-makers -politicians and officials- around the world feel the need to acquire knowledge in order to develop their own airport area in a more sustainable way in all senses of the word.

Some of the Training Courses

- Airport Areas challenges: general overview
- Environmental aspects
- Transport aspects
- Economic aspects
- Landside developments and airport cities
- EU funded projects
- Communication in/at/around airport regions
- Public speaking for communicators
- On-line training techniques
- Airport planning for urban planners
- Environment safety overview and understanding
- Airlines and other aviation operators
- Crisis management
- Capacity, development and airport master plans
- Airport facilitation
- Obstacles management and airport airspace
- Wild life hazard management

More info:

airportregions.org/training

COMMUNICATION

**INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL
NEWSLETTERS**

**GRAPHIC
DESIGN**

**WEBSITE
MANAGEMENT**

**SOCIAL
MEDIA**

We gather and create numerous small and large-scale events usually as part of our projects. We also organise internal gatherings for our members, webinars and meetings at the European Parliament.





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