



Annual Report 2012

30+ members
70+ million people represented

600+ million
passengers in member
regions' airports

Looking forward

Thank you for your continued support to our organization. 2012 has been a troubled year financially, I know many of you have felt the burden of a shrinking economy, with flat or decreasing air traffic in many places around Europe, yet it has also been a year of developments for many regions, with our voice being heard in the airport package debate, the growing recognition of spatial planning and more areas which you can explore in this report.

Our objectives remain clear – our region's economic development is very important, but it should not jeopardize the environment and the people. I believe all our members have understood and know the importance of this, and through last year's many events, ranging from our member's conference on Mediation in Airport Regions, held in Prague, all the way to our continued efforts in the dAIR (Decarbonised airport regions) project have highlighted our commitment to regions where the economy and the environment are balanced.

I am looking forward to a period of fruitful collaboration, where our members will continue to interact and get involved, through us with the issues that affect them. I want to extend my gratitude to all of them and thank them for their support. ■ ■



Sergi Alegre Calero
ARC President



Léa Bodossian
ARC Secretary General

For our members

The past year has been a fantastic time to meet many of you, and to welcome new faces in the organization. It has been a time of remembering once again that we are here, in the ARC a true community. An assembly of people who are truly interested in the state of their regions, their people and the well being of the citizens.

Serving as a Secretary General for the only European association of regions with an airport on their territory is an honor and so is seeing our regions develop, even in more troubled times. The concerns we have together are being addressed at local, regional and European level more efficiently with the backup of our organisation, our inputs and your voice is being heard loud and clear.

We will continue to provide a platform for regions to expose their ideas, issues, but also network and become involved. In this report you will be able to read about our activities and the backbone on which our practices are built. ■■





In 2012 our members handled over 600 million passengers in their territories.

Our members have airports on their territories that range from the largest airport hubs in Europe (Heathrow, Madrid, Frankfurt, Paris, Amsterdam, Barcelona) to small but important airports bound for development (Oulu, Targu Mures, Tenerife, Malta).

In 2012 the ARC welcomed Budapest District 18 and the city of Oulu in Finkland as new members and was happy to extend its membership base into the North and East. In 2013 we welcomed the citiY of Gava and Terres de France to our membership.

Below is a list of all the member regions in 2012:

Akershus County Council
Ayuntamiento de Barcelona
Ayuntamiento de Madrid
Bavarian Ministry of economic affairs
Budapest 18
City of Amsterdam
City of El Prat de Llobregat
City of Haarlemmermeer
City of Oulu
City of Rotterdam
City of Vantaa
Fingal County Council

Flanders Region
Généralitat de Catalunya
Gobierno de Canarias
Gothenburg Region
IAU Ile-de-France
London Borough of Hounslow
Mures City Council
Over Romerike Utvikling
Pôle d'Orly (Essonne & Val-de-Marne)
Prague Airport Region
Prefecture of Eastern Attica
Province of Mazovia

Province of Noord Holland
Regional Authority FrankfurtRheinMain
Société wallonne des aéroports (SOWAER)
State of Berlin and State of Brandenburg
Stockholm (County Council & Sigtuna)
Transport Malta
Uusimaa Reginal Council
Val d'Oise
Vienna
Viladecans

ARC members 2012



On behalf of airport regions

Taking part in the legislative evolution

The ARC members gather more than 70 million citizens living nearby an airport in Europe. As such, the ARC is recognised as the voice of regional and local authorities in aviation related debates.

The permanent presence of the Secretariat in Brussels allows for involvement in the legislative process at European level. This has brought us in close contact and collaboration with European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions or the European Commission.

Airport Package

The Airport Package is the set of legislative proposals presented by the Commission in December 2011, with the view of « creating more capacity » at European airports.

The ARC adopted its position on the subject early in 2012. The ARC position has been widely disseminated and publicised. The texts are to be approved early in 2013

Noise- Environmental Noise Directive

The two main EU texts on noise are the noise at airports directive (revised into a Regulation within the Airport Package) and the Environmental Noise Directive. A consultation was launched on the latter in which ARC took part.

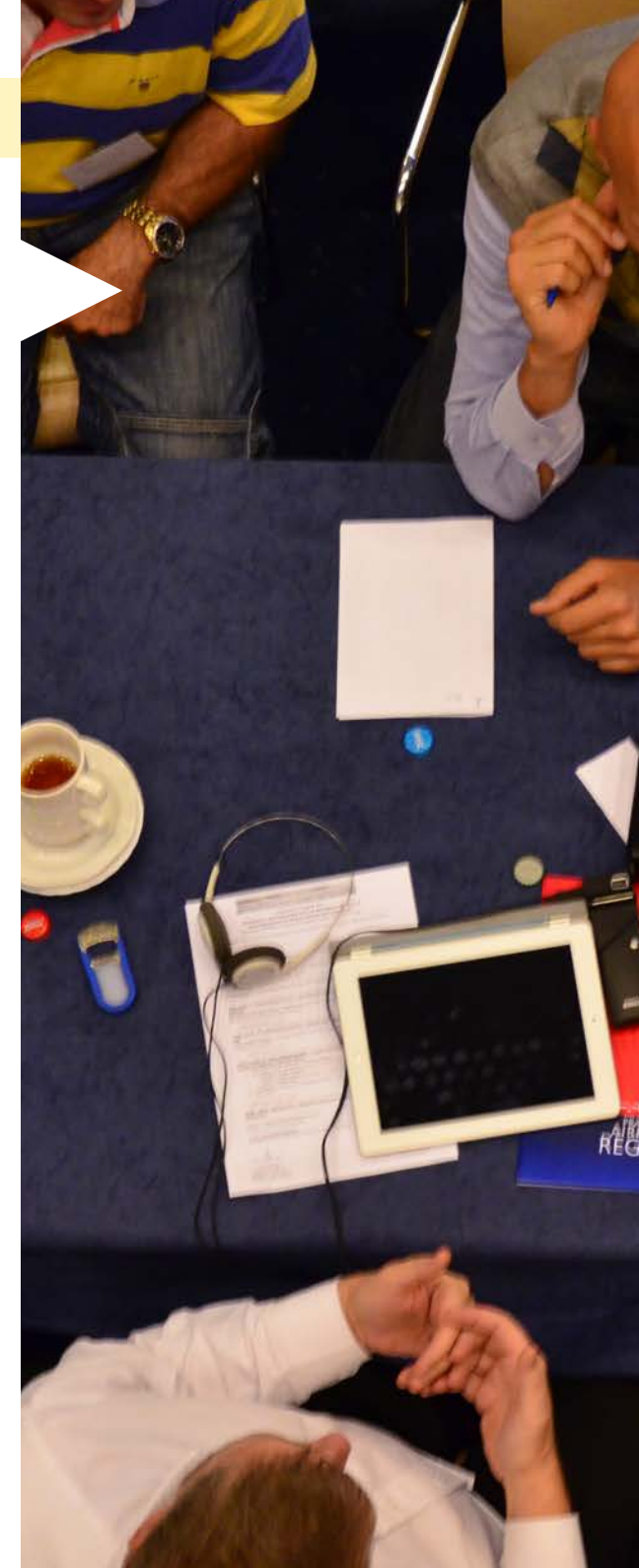
State aids to airports

The Commission is aiming at modifying its guidelines related to State aids to airports. This text may affect ARC members and hence we are looking at how to best represent their views.

Collaborative Decision Making Guidelines

The ARC took an active part to the elaboration of the CDM guidelines by Eurocontrol.

**A strong commitment to our members
and what they stand for.**





Developing knowledge

One of the many strengths of the ARC is the ability to detect and reflect on long-term challenges encountered by airport regions. This has allowed the organisation to take the lead in a number of fields.

Through various projects and working groups, the ARC supports the dissemination of knowledge and a better understanding of the issues that airport regions have to face through Europe.

Economic development group: two publications available for members

A study on the impact of the rise of Gulf Carriers was commissioned by the members and undertaken by the secretariat. The document underlines the changes in the economic predominance of airlines at world level, the fact that traffic routes are evolving. The larger airports

regions, where European carriers' hubs are based may see this change as a threat while smaller airport regions may see this as an opportunity to access the "new silk roads".

The ARC secretariat also prepared proceedings of the a conference organised by our member, SOWAER, which was dedicated to "airports as poles of economic development". This booklet presents a synthesized version of the most important contributions.

Surface Access and Climate Change (SACC) - the dAIR project

The need to lower carbon emissions from surface access to airport is one of the key learnings of the ARC work in the previous year.



As a follow up, the ARC is taking an active part to the dAIR project. This is an EU-funded project (INTERREG) that aims at lowering the carbon emissions at airports, through greener airport operations and greener public transport access. Six of the ARC members are taking part, namely the City of Vienna, Mazovia, El Prat, Malta, Prague Airport Region and Stockholm.

Intermodality

The ARC is chairing the working group on intermodality from the European Commission Observatory on Airport Capacity. In this role we are closely associated to the work of the Observatory in general.

This work within the Observatory has placed the ARC at the forefront of discussions on capacity, and has allowed us to promote the notion of “environmental capacity.”

Noise and environment

Noise is one of the most publicised environmental issues in airport regions. In some regions noise is an issue, and other regions are striving for noise not to become an issue.

ARC is active in the leading reflection fora, conferences, legislative working group (INTERNOISE, X-NOISE, CAEP, CNOSSOS)

Air Traffic Management

ARC pioneered in 2001 the reflection on the linkages between ATM and spatial planning. Ever since it has continuously highlighted the importance of the coordination and shared information between the two.

A workshop on the topic was held in Vienna in November 2012, paving the way to further cooperation with both EUROCONTROL and Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSPs).

FAIR: Funding for Airport Regions

FAIR is a guide, initially drafted in November 2012, where funding opportunities for airport regions are made known to ARC members. This guide is updated on regular basis, according to the published calls and is available to ARC members.

**ARC at the forefront of discussions
on noise, capacity and more**



Groups in 2012

Air Traffic Management and Spatial Planning

Lead members: City of Vienna

Project managers: Franz Joechlinger
Regina Wiala- Zimm

Economic Development

Lead member: Val D'Oise County Council

Project manager: Jean-François Benon

Noise and Environment

Lead member: Frankfurt Metropolitan Region

Project manager: Joachim Wempe

Surface Access and Climate Change

Lead members: Stockholm County
Gothenburg Region

Project managers: Hans Brattström
Per Kristersson



Communicating to our members

Communication is key to the fulfilment of ARC objectives.

In 2012 we have been continuing our communication activities with which the members were accustomed, at the same time added new ones and started developing future ideas.

As communication leaders for the dAIR project, we have also been heavily involved with developing strategies, websites and social media for the project as well.

Website

The ARC website has been completely redesigned from the ground up in 2012, providing more functionalities, easier navigation and overall a pleasant design.

The members now have also the possibility to communicate directly on the website, through a comment section below each article.

Newsletter

The ARC Newsletter came out four times in 2012, with information from members, interviews and feature articles. The December issue was the last issue of the quarterly newsletter, which is being replaced in 2013 with a biweekly one which is being sent to both ARC members as well as partners and external stakeholders.

In the secretariat

In the secretariat is the new ARC infomail sent only to members notifying them of specific information of interest, projects, activities in which they may be interested.

Social media

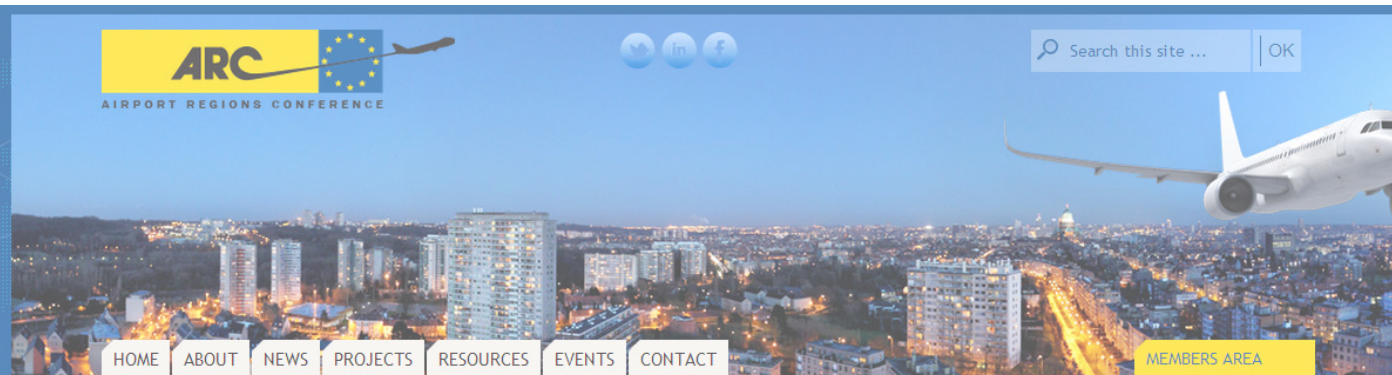
In 2012 the ARC has entered the social media sphere, with accounts on twitter, LinkedIn and Facebook. They will help extend the reach of the organisation into audiences that were not covered before. These networks are used for disseminating our information through specialized funnels, being able, for example on linkedin to target aviation professionals from different groups. The Facebook and Twitter pages have been continuously gathering more followers.

dAIR Project

The ARC is the communication leader of the dAIR project and as such in 2012 produced two newsletters for the project, a brand new website, kept partners of the project in contact and has been constantly identifying and publishing news relevant to the decarbonisation of airport regions. We have disseminated information from the project to ARC members, thus spreading the knowledge acquired and developing new links.



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AIRPORT REGIONS

Airport Regions Conference

The Airport Regions Conference (ARC) is an association of regional and local authorities across Europe with an international airport situated within or near its territory.

The ARC brings together a wide range of expertise at the interface of air transport and local and regional policies. A common concern is to balance the economic benefits generated by the airports



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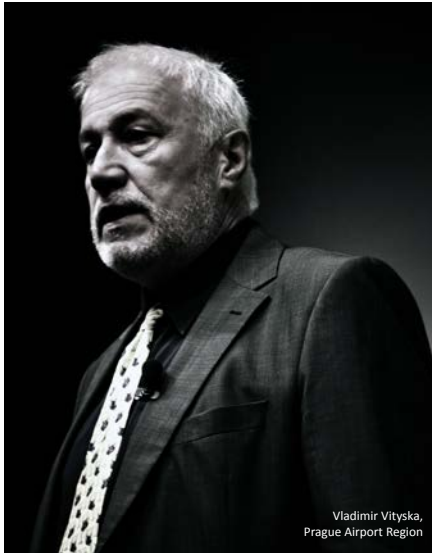
1 ACI: European airport passenger traffic up ... 0.6% in April → 3 June 2013



European airport trade body, ACI EUROPE today released its traffic results for the month of April across the European airport network. The overall passenger traffic growth at Europe's airports remained almost flat, with an increase of just +0.6%

Speaking for our members

We like to keep our members interest at heart, and as a result we are constantly speaking at leading international conferences, promoting our members' values and commitments. We know how important it is to have a voice that is strong enough to make a difference.



Vladimir Vityska,
Prague Airport Region

- > Internoise conference (New York)
- > Passenger Terminal Conference (Vienna)
- > AC-Europe intermodality task force (Brussels)
- > ACI Regional Airports Forum(Lljubjana)
- > ACI airport leadership forum (London)
- > Tbilissi Economic Development forum(Tbilissi)
- > Worldwide Airport Lawyers Association conference (Amsterdam)
- > Aviation and emissions conference
- > Intermode conference
- > CAEP Meetings
- > Xnoise meetings
- > Transport research days
- > Climate change adaptation workshop

Through the ARC our members have the unique opportunity to speak at numerous conferences worldwide, present their region and their airport to the world, while networking and meeting future partners.

Speakers at **13** events
4 events organised



Organising events for our members



Airports as poles of economic development

This event, organised by SOWAER (Société Walone des Aeroports) in collaboration with the ARC was a two-day conference on the importance of the airport in the framework of economic development of airports.

Mediation in Airport Regions

The one day conference, organised in by our member, Prague Airport Region looked at how issues at the airport can be discussed effectively with the citizens in the area. Members were able to hear from experts on the topic and also present their specific situations.

Air Traffic Management and Spatial Planning Workshop

The one day workshop, organised in the framework of the ARC ATM group with the benevolence of the City of Vienna looked at specific issues in Air Traffic Management, Spatial planning and the co-existence of the two within new frameworks developed in the EU.

Getting dAIR - towards decarbonised airport regions

Part of the dAIR project, this policy event held in Brussels brought together experts discussing carbon at airports and methods of reducing it when speaking about surface access and airport operations.







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