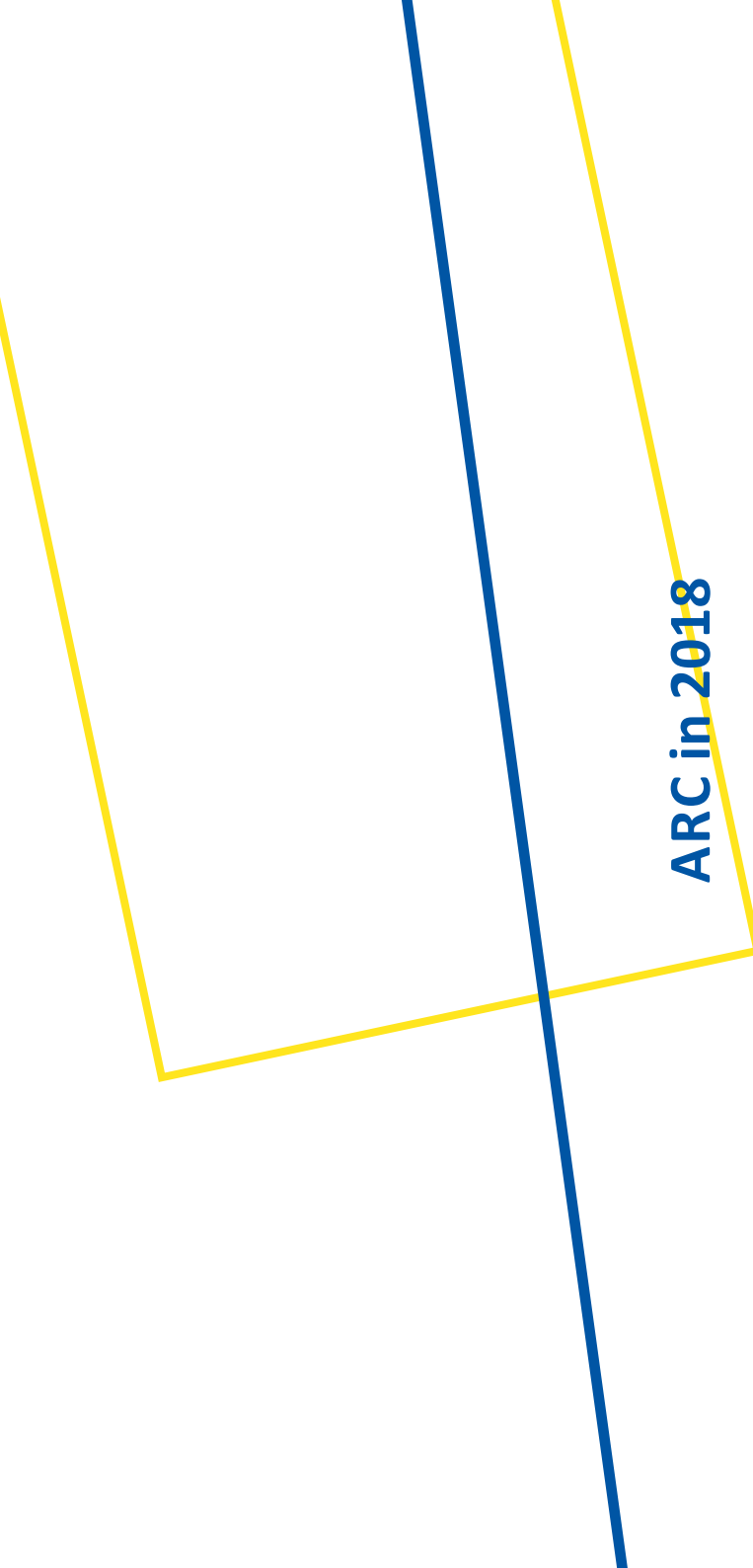


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ARC in 2018

# From the President

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2018 has been a very important year for Airports Regions Conference, both internally and externally.

Internally, Mr Marius Nicolescu is our new Secretary General, and let me take the opportunity to thank, on behalf of the whole organization and myself, Mrs Léa Bodossian for the work and dedication during her time with ARC. Also, we have appointed Mr Sergi Alegre as Director General. With these appointments we want to achieve as an organisation two main goals: on one hand, to increase our capacities and efforts to participate in different EU projects related to aviation and regions Issues. This active involvement in EU projects gives us the opportunity to be one of the front-runners of the know-how of the reality and progress of Europe's airport regions and the best practices developed in the different corners of our continent. Thanks to this, we can interlink more powerfully and at the same level with stakeholders and organisations in Europe. On the other hand, it is also our aim to strengthen our organisation and to expand our membership, as aviation and airport issues are becoming increasingly important for cities and regions all over Europe and in its capital, Brussels.



Externally we have increased our participation in EU related projects: the ones already carried since last year are already starting to show results – the H2020 project ANIMA (Aviation Noise Impact Management through Novel Approaches) and the Interreg Central Europe project LAirA (Landside Airport Access). Additionally, since September we are involved in the Erasmus+ project Dreaam (Development of Regional Employment and Airport Areas Manpower) with ARC and non-ARC members. We have increased as well the organisation of events in the regions of our members (Brussels, Vienna and Gothenburg) to discuss themes of vital importance to our members, such as the Brexit. Also, we participated in events held by other airport and aviation related organisations in Europe, where we have been able to express our positions and concerns.

If 2018 was important, 2019 will definitely not be a less important year, as it will be our 25th anniversary and a key timeframe in Europe with the upcoming European Parliament elections and a new European Commission. Therefore, with the effort of the motivated and experienced ARC team, we are going to work even harder in order to express our ideas, to share our values, and to influence the European policy-making process. We also aim to learn from each other to fulfil our committed mission: to reach an equal growth of airport regions and to improve the quality of life of our citizens.

**Erich Valentin**  
**ARC President**

# Who we are

The Airport Regions Conference (ARC) is an association of regional and local authorities across Europe with an airport situated within or near their territories. For 25 years now the ARC brings together a wide range of expertise at the interface of air transport and local and regional policies.



## Our membership

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

ARC membership is divided between full members and associated members. The full members are regional or local 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.

**If you are interested and would like to receive more information, please contact ARC at [info@airportregions.org](mailto:info@airportregions.org)**

# ARC 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**

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  
Ovre 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

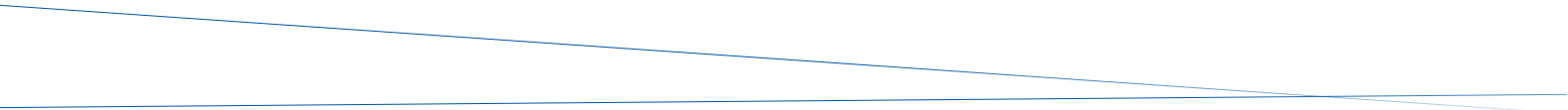
## **Sweden**

Göteborg Region  
Stockholm County Council & Sigtuna Municipality  
Härryda Municipality

## **United Kingdom**

London Borough of Hounslow

# Our Vision, Mission and Values



**OUR VISION** is 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.

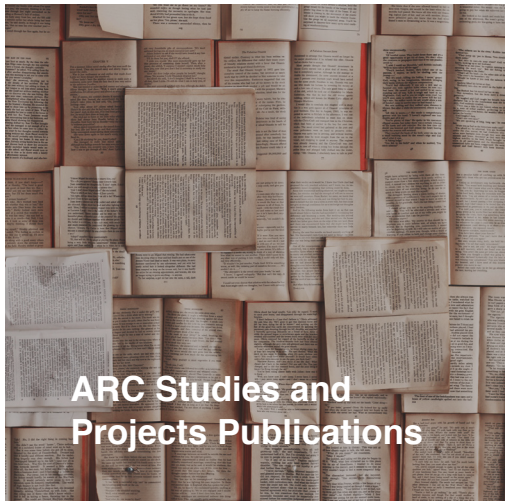




**EU Projects**



**Advocacy and Event  
Management**



**ARC Studies and  
Projects Publications**



**Communications**

**What we do**

# ARC: Key partner to European projects

Thanks to our involvement in previous European projects, we have established ourselves as a credible partner for communication, dissemination and exploitation activities. We are actively seeking to contribute to European projects that support our fundamental values and strategic objectives.

The ARC key areas

**Aviation noise and emissions | Training and employment in airport regions  
Congestion and airport capacity | Land use and airport expansion | Intermodality  
Surface access | Connectivity | Decarbonisation of airport areas**

Ongoing EU Projects



## **ANIMA**

**Aviation Noise Impact Management through Novel Approaches** ANIMA is a people-oriented research project on aviation noise. The project aims to identify and diffuse best practices to lower the noise annoyance endured by communities around airports. The consortium comprises European aeronautical research centres and academies and is led by the French aerospace research institute ONERA (l'Office national d'études et de recherches aérospatiales).



## **LAirA**

### **Landside Airport Accessibility**

LAirA is a research project that addresses the multimodal, smart and low carbon mobility integration of airports in the mobility systems of urban areas. 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 to and from airports, for both passengers and employees.



## **DREAM**

### **Development of Regional Employment and Airport Areas Manpower**

The project aims to facilitate the recruitment process for regions and airport platforms and to create more training and employment opportunities for the surrounding local communities. DREAM focuses on regional branding, job attractivity, skills definition and mobility. In this project local and regional public authorities, airports, employment and development agencies teamed up to exchange best practices on vocational education and training (VET) in airport areas.



# Advocacy

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 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 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 2018, 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 two open MEP breakfast meetings.

## European Institutional Partners



European Parliament



European Committee  
of the Regions



European  
Commission



EUROCONTROL



European Economic and Social Committee



EASA  
European Aviation Safety Agency

## January

- Regional employment (DREAAM) project meeting, Paris
- Airport Growth project meeting, Brussels
- Committee of the Regions Intergroup meeting
- Decentralised aviation meeting at the European Parliament

## March

- European Parliament Breakfast meeting on Managing and Mitigating the Noise Impact
- Passenger Terminal Conference (PTC) Stockholm
- Royal Air Maroc, Casablanca
- Airline for Europe meeting
- Federal Aviation Administration meeting

## April

- ARC Assembly and conference, Gothenburg
- Meeting with LOT Airlines, Warsaw
- Contribution to the European Aviation Environmental Report of the Commission

## May

- Landside Airport Accessibility (LAirA) meeting, Stuttgart
- SENASA event, Brussels
- Participation in ACI Europe Regional Airports Conference & Exhibition, Naples
- Participation in the noise research group launched by the European Commission



# 2018 at a glance

## June

- “Exploring Novel Approaches for Aviation Noise Management” ANIMA project meeting, Gava
- European Civil Aviation Conference workshop, Berlin
- ANIMA project and Romanian airports, Iasi
- Airport Growth project meeting, Bruges

## September

- European Parliament Breakfast meeting on Surface Access to Airports, hosted by MEP Grapini
- ANIMA project annual scientific network, Amsterdam
- LAirA project meeting, Milan

## October

- Cities for Excellence conference, Brussels
- ANIMA project meeting, Amsterdam
- DREAAM project Kickoff meeting, Paris
- Sustainable tourism and transport Panel, European Parliament

## November

- ARC Assembly in Vienna
- Boeing Annual Commercial Outlook event, Brussels
- European Civil Aviation Conference, Environmental Forum, Paris
- AviaDev Conference, Valencia, Spain
- Green Aviation Research and Development Network (GARDN) Conference, Canada



# Communication

## REGIONS AND AIRPORTS

- Two newsletters per month
- Addressed to both members and the wider community

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Subscribe to our newsletter  
on our website!

## IN THE SECRET NEWSLETTER

- Dedicated to ARC members
- Fosters the creation of a cooperative network that works strategically on topics of common interest



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## SOCIAL MEDIA

- Increased visibility of our main activities and objectives
- Transparent communication
- Engagement with the wider community

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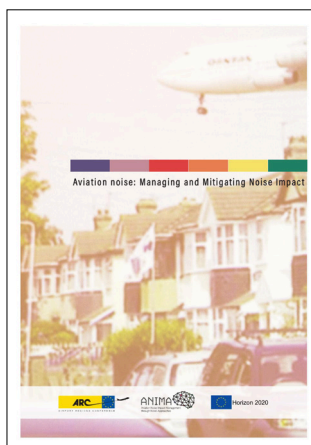
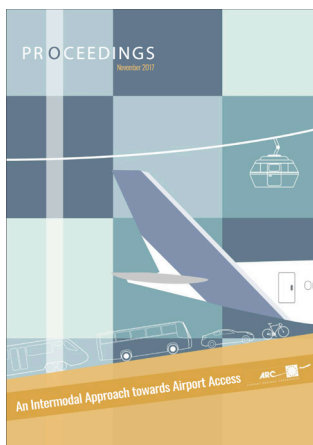
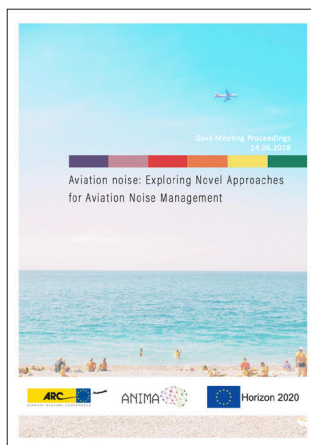
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ARC not only aims to exchange information and share knowledge, but also to gain new insights in the airport-territory relations to support decision making. ARC produces studies and special reports on current and burning subjects, often as a result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

You can review all our publications via our website:  
[airportregions.org/publications](http://airportregions.org/publications)



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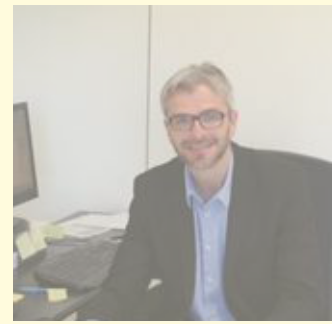
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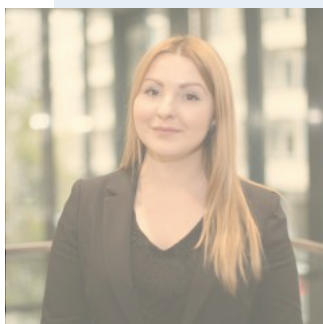
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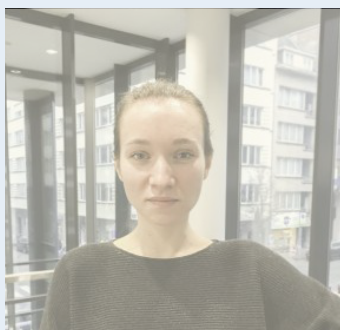
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