

# NORTH AMERICAN/CENTRAL EUROPE AIRPORT ISSUES CONFERENCE



OCTOBER 19-21, 2025 ♦ WARSAW, POLAND

## DRAFT AGENDA

U.S / Central Europe Aviation Issues Conference

Warsaw, Poland

October 19-21

Hosted by The Polish Airports (PPL S.A.)

Venue: Sofitel Warsaw Victoria Hotel

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

7:30 am-1p.m.

Conference Registration

*Lanyards- Sponsored by Chicago Department of Aviation*

*Delegate conference Bags - Sponsored by SFO*

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*IAAE Board Dinner - Sponsored by Savannah Airport Commission*

9:45- 11 a.m.

IAAE Board Meeting

12:30 -3:30 p.m.

Walking City Tour

*Sponsored by Rhode Island Airport Corporation*

6 -7 p.m.

Welcoming Reception

*Sponsored by Jacobs*

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Registration
9-10 a.m.	Morning Coffee & Networking
10-10:30 a.m.	<p>Welcome Remarks and Conference Overview</p> <p>Heba Gouda Vice President, Global Operations American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE)</p> <p>Dr. Maciej Lasek <b>(TBC)</b> Secretary of State at the Ministry of Infrastructure The Government Plenipotentiary for the Central Communication Port (CPK)</p> <p>Douglas S. O'Neill <b>(TBC)</b> Deputy Chief of Mission the U.S. Embassy, Warsaw</p> <p>Kevin R. Bumen, A.A.E., C.A.E., IAAE Chair <b>(Confirmed)</b> Chief Financial &amp; Commercial Officer San Francisco International Airport</p> <p>Łukasz Chaberski <b>(Confirmed)</b> CEO Polish Airports (PPL S.A.)</p> <p>Grzegorz Bykowski <b>(Confirmed)</b> CEO Poznan Airport</p> <p>Lt. Gen. Charles Costanza <b>(TBC)</b> Commanding General of V Corps U.S. Army V Corps</p>
10:30 am-12pm	<p><b>SESSION 1- Panel Discussion: Development of New Airport Hubs-</b> <i>This panel will explore global trends in airport infrastructure, examining the strategic decision between building new greenfield airports and modernizing</i></p>

*existing ones. Featuring a keynote by the Government Plenipotentiary for CPK, the session will include a case study on Poland's Centralny Port Komunikacyjny (CPK) as a model for 21st-century airport development and assess the broader economic and mobility impacts of major aviation investments.*

**Introduction:** PPL's Expert 10 minutes presentation: Case study: Modernization of Chopin Airport and construction of greenfield airport hub - CPK as strategic projects of the airport sector in Poland from the perspective of the experience of PPL S.A., the largest airport operator in Central and Eastern Europe

**Moderator:** PPL (TBD)

**Speakers:** Dr. Maciej Lasek **(TBC)**  
Secretary of State at the Ministry of Infrastructure  
The Government Plenipotentiary for the Central Communication Port (CPK)

Marcin Danil **(Confirmed)**  
CFO, PPL S.A

Viktor Sober **(Confirmed)**  
CEO  
Dubrovnik Airport

Iftikhar Ahmad, P.E. **(Confirmed)**  
President and CEO  
Rhode Island Airport Corporation

Greg Kelly **(Confirmed)**  
Executive Director  
Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport

Filip Czernicki **(Confirmed)**  
CEO of CPK

Marios Sentris **(Confirmed)**

Aviation Lead for EMEA

Parsons

12-12:30 pm

**Coffee/Networking Break**

*Sponsored by Morristown Airport and Co-Sponsor by Jeanne Olivier, Past Chair, AAEE*

12:30-1:30 pm

**SESSION 2- Expert Session: Geopolitical Challenges for Aviation.** *This expert session will address the far-reaching impact of geopolitical conflicts—particularly the war in Ukraine—on global aviation. Topics will include airspace restrictions, sanctions, and rerouting challenges, as well as the need for cohesive pan-European strategies. The discussion will also focus on lessons learned in crisis response and international cooperation within the aviation sector.*

**Introduction:**

10 minutes presentation: Main geopolitical challenges for Aviation in third decade of XXI century – speaker TBD

**Moderator:**

Kostas Dimitros **(Confirmed)**

Vice President, Business Development

Parsons

**Speakers:**

Anca Apahidean **(Confirmed)**

Area Manager Eastern Europe, IATA, Romania

Russel Reil **(Confirmed)**

FAA Senior Representative - Warsaw

Magdalena Jaworska-Mackowiak **(Confirmed)**

President & CEO

Polish Air Navigation Services Agency

Pierre Coutu, A.A.E., Ed.D., FRAeS **(Confirmed)**

President and CEO

Aviation Startegies International (ASI)

Tonci Peovic MBA IAP **(TBC)**

CEO, Alat Airport

Baku, Azerbaijan

Oleksiy Dubrevskyy **(TBC)**

CEO

Boryspil International

Florian Guillerment **(invited)**

Director General

EASA

1:30-3 pm

**Networking Luncheon**

*Sponsored by Birmingham Airport Authority*

3-4 p.m.

**SESSION 3 —Digital Transformation in Airport Management--**

*This panel will examine how airports are leveraging artificial intelligence, automation, and intelligent passenger management systems to enhance operational efficiency and capacity. Experts will share practical models from both the U.S. and Europe, highlighting how digital tools are reshaping the future of airport operations and improving the overall passenger experience.*

**Introduction:**

PPL's Expert 10 minutes presentation: Presentation of the major conclusions of the Report on Future Technologies for Civil Aviation, prepared on behalf of PPL S.A. by the Team of Economic Advisors TOR.

**Moderator:**

David Full AICP **(confirmed)**

Vice President and National Discipline Leader for Aviation Environmental RS & H

**Speakers:**

Beder Al Aydi **(Confirmed)**

Chairman

Aviation Department at PSU, Saudi Arabia

Darren Large A.A.E. **(Confirmed)**

Director, Facilities & Operations at DM AIRPORTS LTD

Morristown Municipal Airport

Mikolaj Lis **(Confirmed)**  
Head of R&D  
Dimark Limited – Poland  
*Presentation on new BHS technology*

Perry Miller, A.A.E., I.A.P. **(Confirmed)**  
President & CEO  
Richmond International Airport

Julius Norkunas **(confirmed)**  
CEO, Aerocalss

4-4:30 p.m.

**Networking Coffee Break**  
*Sponsored by Richmond International Airport*

4:30-5:30 p.m.

**SESSION 4- Enhancing Cooperation in Civil and Dual-Use Airport Operations: Strategies for Integrating State and Military Activities in Central and Eastern Europe** - *This session will examine strategies for enhancing collaboration at dual-use airports in Central and Eastern Europe. Experts will explore operational frameworks, coordination mechanisms, and best practices for integrating state and military activities, ensuring readiness and resilience across the region.*

**Introduction:** Expert **(TBD)** 10 minutes presentation: proposed topic - How greater military mobility might affect the aviation sector - chances and risks

**Moderator:** Jeanne Olivier, A.A.E., ACE, IACE **(Confirmed)**  
Past Chair, AAAE

**Speakers:** Mark VanLoh A.A.E. **(Confirmed)**  
CEO, Jacksonville Aviation Authority

Rick Crider, A.A.E. **(Confirmed)**

Airport Director  
Prescott Regional Airport, Arizona

Perry Miller, A.A.E., I.A.P. **(Confirmed)**  
President & CEO  
Richmond International Airport

Adam Hamryszczak **(TBC)**  
CEO  
Rzeszow Jasionka

Vladimir Semenchenko **(TBC)**  
CEO  
Odesa International Airport  
Ukraine

Ioanna Papadopoulou **(invited)**  
Director, Communications & Marketing  
Athens International Airport S.A.

7-9 p.m.

**Hosted Gala Dinner at Restauracja Belvedere**  
*Sponsored by Poznan Airport & The Polish Airports (PPL S.A.)*

## **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21**

7:30 a.m. -12 p.m. Registration

8:30-9:30 a.m. Networking Breakfast  
*Sponsored by Dubrovnik Airport*

9:30 a.m.-10:30am **SESSION 5- ESG in Aviation - A Strategy for the Future** - *This session will explore how airports are integrating Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles into long-term strategy and daily operations. Panelists will discuss decarbonization efforts at U.S. airports, emerging technologies that support sustainability, and the evolving impact of EU*

*environmental regulations—offering a comparative transatlantic perspective on building a more resilient and responsible aviation sector.*

**Introduction:** PPL's Expert 10 minutes presentation: Presentation of the major conclusions of the Report on ESG practices at Polish airports, prepared on behalf of PPL S.A. by KPMG.

**Moderator:** Paulina Paga **(confirmed)**  
ESG Team Leader and Plenipotentiary of the Management Board of Sustainable Development

**Speakers:** Adam Sanocki, eMBA | DBA | **(confirmed)**  
Member of the Management Board  
Polish Airports State Enterprise (PPL S.A.)

Jan Eklund **(Confirmed)**  
Intramodality Strategist, Strategic Development and Innovation,  
Swedavia

Mohamed Khalifa Rahma **(Confirmed Virtually)**  
Director, Air Transport Bureau  
International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

Greg Bracci **(TBC)**  
Vice President  
Envirosuite

Morgan Foulkes **(TBC)**  
Deputy Director General chez  
ACI EUROPE

10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. **Networking Coffee Break**

11a.m. - 12:30 pm **SESSION 6- Innovative Financing Models for Airport Infrastructure-**  
*This session will explore innovative financing models for airport*



*infrastructure, with a focus on global experiences in public-private partnerships (PPPs), access to EU funding, and the role of private capital in aviation. Panelists will also highlight forward-looking strategies for financing green infrastructure, offering U.S. and European perspectives on sustainable investment approaches in a changing regulatory and economic environment*

- Introduction:** Andrew Gibson **(Confirmed)**  
Global Market Director for Aviation  
Jacobs  
*Presentation of the main conclusions of the Report on the Economic Impact of Airports on Polish Regions, prepared on behalf of PPL S.A. by the Team of Economic Advisors TOR.*
- Moderator:** Andrew Gibson **(Confirmed)**  
Global Market Director for Aviation  
Jacobs
- Speakers:** Kevin Bumen, A.A.E., C.A.E., IAAE Chair **(Confirmed)**  
Chief Finance and Commercial Officer  
San Francisco International Airport
- Dr. Maciej Lasek **(TBC)**  
Secretary of State at the Ministry of Infrastructure  
The Government Plenipotentiary for the Central Communication Port (CPK)
- Raffi Kasparian **(Confirmed)**  
Managing Director  
Alton Aviation Consultancy (UAE)
- Patrick Flanagan **(TBC)**  
Chief Financial Officer (CFO)  
Ferrovial

12:30-1:30pm **SESSION 7- The Future of Airports in a Dynamically Changing World -**  
*This final session will reflect on the key themes and insights from the conference while addressing the evolving challenges and strategic priorities*

*facing airports over the next decade. It will conclude with remarks from the organizers and a forward-looking discussion on how the global aviation community can adapt, innovate, and lead in a rapidly changing environment.*

**Moderator:** Jeff Mulder **(Confirmed)**  
Airports Director, Past Chair, IAAE  
Oklahoma City (OKC)

**Speakers:** Dr. Igor Štimac, PhD, IAP, EMBA, FRAeS **(Confirmed)**  
VP of Infrastructure, Technology, and Operations for Concession  
Supervision, Business Consulting, and Education  
Zagreb Airport Ltd.

Łukasz Chaberski **(Confirmed)**  
CEO, PPL S.A.

Palmi Randversson **(Confirmed)**  
Managing Director  
KADECO, Airport City Development  
Keflavik International Airport, Iceland

Shannetta Griffin **(invited)**  
Executive Director/CEO  
Maryland Aviation Administration

Bryant L. Francis, C.M. **(invited)**  
Director of Airports  
Cleveland Airport System

1:30 Pm Conference Adjournment and invitation to the 2026 conference

1:30-2:30 pm **Lunch and Networking**  
*Sponsored by Jacksonville Aviation Authority*