



EXPERT CONFERENCE

„Expansion and Increasing Importance of Regional Airports in Europe“

Ostrava, Moravian-Silesian Region, Czech Republic
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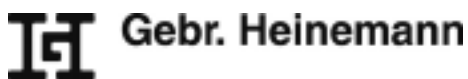
“Regional airports are of great importance for the wealth of regions and they can play an important role in disburdening the big international hubs. Further they can turn to general aviation and offer a variety of potential services, for which there will be little capacity on big airports in the future due to the rise of commercial traffic.”

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The importance of regional airports is increasing. They also help in disburden the big international airports, some of which are highly overstrained. Regional airports, however, are of highest importance for the transport connection of boundary regions and therefore for their economic development. The development of the economic structure of a region is closely linked to a good transport connection to big European centres. For investors good air connection to a region or city is an important precondition for the investment decision.

Especially in eastern and south-eastern Europe many regions and cities have taken over responsibility for formerly national airports and are now anxious to develop them as an efficient means of their transport infrastructure. The European Commission is highly interested in such initiatives on regional and municipal level.

Therefore I highly appreciate this 2nd IRE-conference on regional airports held by the Institute of the Regions of Europe (IRE) and I wish this activity a good and interesting progress.

Jacques Barrot
Vice President of the European Commission
EU-Commissioner for Transport, Brussels, Belgium



I am very pleased that the IRE in cooperation with our region organises a conference in Ostrava for a second time already, which deals with the future of regional airports. This is therefore very important for our region, since we operate an upcoming regional airport, which is crucial for economic development. In this spirit I wish this conference a successful and interesting progress.

Due to the success of the 1st conference on regional airports in 2005 the Institute of the Regions of Europe decided to conduct such a conference anew in Ostrava in proven cooperation with the Moravian-Silesian region. The point now is to analyse how regional airports – especially in eastern and south-eastern Europe – have developed over the last three years, which effect EU policies and to use positive experience of successful regional airports for development prospects of upcoming regional airports. Above all, however, this conference is meant to be a meeting place again for airport managers and operators, investors, service providers, airlines and experts.

Ing. Evžen Tošenovský
President of the Moravian
Silesian Region

Dr. Franz Schausberger
Former President of the State of
Salzburg, Chairman of IRE

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

I. Welcome and Introduction to Current Questions on Regional Airports 0900- 0920

Welcome Speeches

Franz Schausberger, Chairman of the Institute of the Regions of Europe (IRE), Salzburg, Austria

Vzhen Tošenovský, President of the Moravian-Silesian Region, Ostrava

II. The Significance of Regional Airports for the Czech Republic 0920 - 1030

Martin Říman, Minister for Industry and Trade, Prague, Czech Republic
"The Role of Regional Airports in the Czech Republic"

Aleš Řebíček, Minister for Transport, Prague, Czech Republic

Miroslav Kalousek, Minister for Finance, Prague, Czech Republic

Zoltan Kazatsay, Deputy Director General for Transport, European Commission, Brussels, Belgium

1030 - 1100 Coffee Break

1100 - 1200

Pavol Lukša, Vice-President of the Moravian Silesian Region
"Conceiving development of Leoš Janáček Ostrava Airport as part of the dynamic development of the region"

Lubomír Vavroš, President of the association, Chairman of the Board of Directors and General Director of Letiště Ostrava, a. s.
"Association of Regional Airports of the Czech Republic – its mission and goals"

Josef Maliř, Vice-Mayor of the city of Hradec Králové
"The importance of cooperation between representatives of cities and regions in conceiving regional airport development"

Petr Vaněk, General Manager of Public Relations Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Czech, s. r. o.
"Hyundai - strategic investment in the Moravskoslezský Region and its ties to the regional airport"

III. Latest Developments at European Level 1200 - 1230

Rodrigo Vila De Benavent, European Commission, Directorate General Transport, Infrastructure and Airports, Brussels, Belgium

1230 - 1330

Lunchbuffet

III. Privatisation and Cooperation of Regional Airports 1330 - 1430

Christian Domany, Vienna International Airport, Austria
„Privatisation Tendencies of Airports in Central and Eastern Europe“

Wolfgang Freund, Partner DLA Piper Weiss-Tessbach, Vienna, Austria
„Legal Aspects of the Privatisation of Regional Airports“

Alessia Di Domenico, Senior Banker, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, London, United Kingdom
„EBRD’s approach to Airport financing“

Dieter Kanduth, Head of Infrastructure Finance, Dexia Kommunalkredit Bank (Kommunalkredit-Gruppe)
„Regional Airport Lending Considerations“

IV. Non-Aviation-Business at Regional Airports 1430 - 1500

Gunnar Heinemann, Gebr. Heinemann
„The Significance of the Non-Aviation-Business at Regional Airports“

1500 - 1530 Coffee Break

V. Airport Security Questions for Regional Airports 1530 - 1600

Eric Miart, Eurocontrol, Programme Manager, European Organisation for the Safety of Air Navigation, Brussels, Belgium
„Regional airports challenges in front of forecast traffic growth“

VI. Panel Discussion: Experiences of Regional Airports, Good Practice 1600 - 1700

Marta Horvathova, Airport Kosice, Slovakia

Rudolf Lipold, Airport Salzburg, Austria

Ladislav Ondřich, and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Letiště České Budějovice, a. s., and General Director of České Budějovice Airport
„The chief airport development goals in České Budějovice“

Tonči Peović, Director of Dubrovnik Airport, Croatia, Representative of IAAE

Werner Toepel, Expert for Regional Airports within Germany, Munich

1700 - 1730 Summary and Closing
End of Conference

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