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Aviation-Event 2024 CLJ

15 MARCH 2024

Host: Cluj International Airport | Cluj-Napoca



Join us for the 3rd edition!

MODERATOR OF THE DAY



Peter Baumgartner

Former CEO Etihad Airways and Chairman Bluearbre Ltd.

Welcome Speeches

Time: 09:00



Răzvan Ciorteza

Cluj County Deputy Governor



István Vákár

Vicepresident, Cluj County



Dan Tarcea

Vicemayor, Cluj-Napoca City
(video message)



Viorel Federiga

President, Administration Board,
Cluj International Airport

Opening Keynote: Airport Capacity and Expansion

Time: 09:30



David Ciceo
CEO, Cluj International Airport

Moderated Keynote

Time: 09:50



Robert Carey
President, Wizz Air

MODERATOR



Rüdiger Kiani-Kreß
Journalist, WirtschaftsWoche

Roundtable Talks: Beyond Borders: Unleashing Economic Potential through Digital Transformation, Global Connectivity, and Airport-Led Economies

Time 10:30



Pawel Galiak

Director of Aviation and
Commercial Services,
Kraków Airport



Claudia Tapardel

CEO & Founder CT EU Affairs,
President of Women in Transport
& Tourism Association,
Global Public Speaker



Hakkı Güntay

General Manager,
Turkish Airlines
Romania



Peter Oncken

Managing Partner,
INTRO Aviation



MODERATOR

Theodoros Koumelis

Managing Director,
Travel Media
Applications

Coffee break - 11:30 – 12:00

CEO Talks: Airport Collaborations and Alliances

Time 12:00



Jesús Caballero Pinto
CEO, Sofia Airport



Bettina Ganghofer
CEO, Salzburg
International Airport



Laila Odina
Chairperson of the
Board, Riga
International Airport



Hamdi Güvenç
CEO and Board Member,
YDA group of companies
and Aviation Sector

MODERATOR



Marcel Riwalsky
CEO, Aviation-Event

Lunch break- 13:00 – 14:40

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Panel 1: Media, Politics, and Aviation: Are Industry Leaders Effectively Communicating Aviation's Importance?

Time:14:45



Raed Omari
Journalist, The Jordan
Time



Luc Citrinot
Freelance Journalist



Andrew Charlton
Managing Director,
Aviation Advocacy



Patrick Mulder
Publishing
Editor, Verkeersbureaus.info

MODERATOR



Michael Kerkloh
Supervisory Board
Member, Lufthansa and
Hannover Airport

Panel 2 - The Future of Regional Air Connectivity - what can airports and airlines deliver?

Time:15:30



Bastiaan de Bruijne
General Counsel,
ACI EUROPE



Frank Quante
CEO, Fraport Bulgaria



Narcis Obeada
Commercial Director,
TAROM



Delia Dimitriu
Director Smarter Mobility
Solutions, UK & Strategic
Adviser COMOTI, RO



Alexander Schroll
Director Business
Development, EVIA AERO

MODERATOR



Andrew Charlton
Managing Director,
Aviation Advocacy

Closing Speeches

Time:16:15



Marcel Riwalsky
CEO, Aviation-Event



Sergiu Spoială
Acting Director, Chisinau
International Airport



Jesús Caballero Pinto
CEO, Sofia Airport



David Ciceo
CEO, Cluj International Airport

14 March 2024 | Thursday

 Press Conference

Time: 14:30 – 15:30 | Dress Code: Business Casual / Casual

 **Cluj International Airport, Arrivals Terminal, Conference Room, 1st floor– Traian Vuia Street 149, Cluj-Napoca**



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CONFERENCE VENUE



Radisson Blu Hotel (Ballroom), 1 Stadionului street, 400375, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

15 March 2024 09:00 – 17:00, **Dress Code: Business Attire/ Business Casual**
(08:00 – 09:00 Registration for the conference)



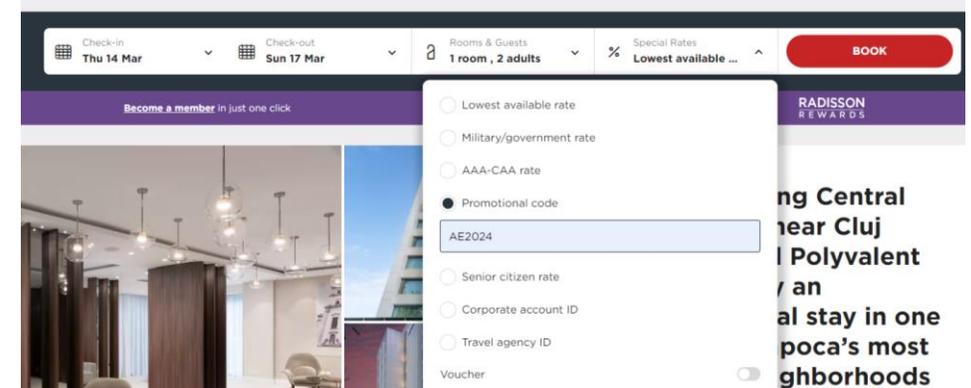
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The Aviation-Event, one of the leading events in the aviation industry, and the Economic Summit on Germany involving decision-makers from the world of business, politics, society and administration, are two events that are known well beyond the borders of Germany that were held in recent years.

Marcel Riwalsky, Managing Director of DA! GmbH, holds a Master of Business Administration degree and Certificat d'Etudes Supérieures and has organized many high profile events in the past decade. As the initiator of Aviation-Event, he comes up with ideas for the event that goes by the same name as well as the concept for Aviation-Event Special. In the meantime, over 100 top speakers and discussion participants have been on stage in front of over 600 guests from politics and all sectors of business.

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Aviation-Event reveals to the world the true Gateway to Transylvania!

Cluj International Airport, the most important gateway to the north-western region of Romania, welcomes **Aviation-Event for the 3rd edition in Romania**.

As a first-class mid-size airport located in a full economic development region, with a special appetite for business & leisure traffic, Cluj International Airport has demonstrated the ability to take advantage of the potential of its catchment area and became, over the last decade, Romania's Airport with the most spectacular increase in passenger traffic.

If in 1996 the airport's development plans at a traffic level of 36,000 passengers seemed impossible to achieve for some, its dynamic management approach towards modernizing and developing the airport infrastructure over the last 25 years, led to reaching a historical threshold of more than **3.25 million passengers in 2023**, and granted Cluj International Airport the worthy statute - model of good practices and landmark airport in South-Eastern Europe.

Aviation-Event 2024 CLJ will be held in one of the most vibrant European cities, with a multicultural environment, also named the 'Heart of Transylvania' not just because of its geographical position, but also for its role in the historical and economic development of the region. The city is one of the most important academic, cultural, industrial, and business centres in Romania, the second after the capital Bucharest.

