



ARC in EU
PROJECTS



Airport Regions Council (ARC), founded in 1994, is the Association of regional and local authorities with an airport situated within or near their territories. Our members represent more than 70 million residents all over Europe and beyond.

ARC brings together a wide range of expertise at the interface of air transport and airports, and local and regional administrations. A common concern is to promote and to balance at the same time the benefits generated by the airports (revenues, jobs, transport network...) and their environmental impact (noise, air quality, urban limitations). A balance that can only be reached with the establishment of a direct and honest relationship between the local and regional administrations and the airport authorities, supported by a shared common vision and with best practice proposals.

OUR VISION is to bring together a region and an airport and to facilitate their interaction and cooperation on all levels, ranging from governance, economy, environment, urban planning and mobility. Their collaboration will further help to improve residents' quality of life, to avoid, prevent, minimise and compensate the negative impact of airport activities. It will also provide its members with tools and knowledge to plan, invest, share and maximise the benefits of the aviation sector.

OUR MISSION is to communicate and disseminate airport regions' interests towards the European institutions and key airport and 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 also present in numerous conferences and political forums where policy is being discussed together with the main aviation stakeholders. ARC is building a professional network and a platform to foster knowledge building and sharing. ARC helps its members to be updated with the state of the art and to anticipate aviation changes by enabling fast and extensive access to research studies, EU projects, press releases, training and news on current issues.

OUR VALUES stand in our ambition to enhance the quality of life of citizens neighbouring airports, reach the lowest possible impact on the environment and achieve economic growth of airport regions, as well as care about the human factor which is inseparable from this evolution.

Erich Valentin
ARC President



Our Membership

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

ARC membership is divided between full members and associated members. The full members are public 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.

Austria

France

Malta

Romania

Belgium

Germany

Netherlands

Slovakia

Czech Republic

Ireland

Norway

Spain

Finland

Israel

Portugal

Sweden



OUR RESEARCH INTERESTS ARE IN LINE WITH THE CONCERNS OF OUR MEMBERS

Air quality | Climate change | Smart and sustainable mobility |
Intermodality | Economic Growth | Regional Development |
Training and employment | Governance |
Noise management, reduction, mitigation and compensation |
Urban and territorial integration | Branding and territorial marketing
Congestion and airport capacity | Sustainable Aviation Fuel |
Renewable Energy | Smart Cities | Connectivity





ANIMA

Aviation Noise Impact Management through Novel Approaches

airportregions.org/projects/anima

ANIMA is a comprehensive research project which addresses a critical issue for Europe: aviation noise. People living in communities are directly affected by aviation noise around Europe's 45 major airports. The ANIMA project seeks to directly improve the lives of local communities surrounding airports, whilst also supporting policymakers, researchers and airport managers to make better decisions which balance economic and regulatory requirements to achieve the best outcomes for everyone.

ANIMA is built on an innovative approach, which stems from its unique way of associating aircraft engineers with specialists in urban geography, psychologists and sociologists as well as with experts on aviation regulation. Together, they set and evaluate scenarios and they engage in dialogue with airports and noise-affected communities in order to capture how interventions to mitigate aviation noise are implemented and how far these steps are effective in reducing annoyance or in improving the quality of life of nearby residents.

Our project on aviation noise



DREAM

Development of Regional Employment and Airport Areas Manpower

www.airportregions.org/dream

DREAM fostered an exchange of good practices on vocational education and training (VET) in airport areas by focusing on regional branding, job attractiveness, skills definition and mobility. The project aimed to facilitate the recruitment process for regions and airport platforms and to create more training and employment opportunities for the surrounding local communities.

The DREAM project has analysed the regional employment situation in six airport areas: Paris, Maastricht, Brussels, Barcelona, Berlin and Frankfurt. Based on this analysis, a best practice guide on training and employment in airports areas was delivered at the end of the project.

Our project on employment in airport areas



dAIR
Decarbonising Airport Regions
airportregions.org/projects/dair

The goal of dAIR was to improve the surface accessibility to airport zones and the CO₂ neutrality of airport operator activities. The project paid special attention to the optimal involvement of business R&D communities in creating well connected green airports.

dAIR looked at how the carbon from surface access and airport operations can be reduced. These two together account for about half of the carbon footprint. Through study visits and workshops, as well as stakeholder forums, the project partners exchanged experience on reduction solutions that had been used and had worked at other airports and how they could be applied to their own.

Decarbonising airport areas



Landside airports access airportregions.org/projects/laira

LAirA aimed to address serious climate concerns precipitating across Central Europe and beyond, in relation to travel to and from airports. The LAirA project focused on the mobility integration of airports to be coupled with multimodal solutions to offer smart and low carbon land transport from major city centres and its commuting zones, referred to as functional urban areas (FUAs). The project sought to reduce the environmental impact of transport activities by changing mobility behaviours of 56 million passengers and 39,000 employees across eight airports in Central Europe, specifically; Budapest, Dubrovnik, Milan, Poznan, Stuttgart, Vienna and Warsaw.

One of the key results of the project is the Transnational Strategy, which focused on identifying actions for sustainable land transport and access at LAirA airports with the final objective of reducing the CO₂ emissions. The approach integrated seven key thematic areas including electric mobility, air-rail links, walking and cycling, shared mobility, information technology systems, wayfinding and public transportation.

Modal Shift and Behavioural Change

ARC CONTRIBUTION TO EUROPEAN PROJECTS

Throughout its years of activity, ARC has gained substantial experience in the communication, dissemination and exploitation of EU-funded project results. As the leader of these activities, ARC can support efficiently and effectively the following objectives:

- Build a strategic approach to inform the project target groups, the general public and the media about the project results;
- Raise public awareness, increase knowledge and show direct and indirect benefits of project results;
- Maximise the project impact through efficient communication and dissemination of results to policymakers, stakeholders and our existing network of member regions;
- Engage and disseminate the project results to the audience that can best add to the impact of the project, such as the end users;
- Encourage policy changes amongst regions through our network;
- Support the achievement of EU strategic policy goals;
- Enable use and update of project results;
- Organise high-level events in the heart of Brussels, at our premises, thus ensuring participation of policymakers at European level.

IN-HOUSE CAPABILITIES

Communication Strategy

Events and Webinars

Website Development

Promotion Activities and Speaking Opportunities

Final reports and Transnational action plans

Videos and Graphic Design

Newsletters and Press releases





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