ACTIVITY REPORT 2019
ARC President’s words

Erich Valentin
ARC President
I must recognise that to start this paragraph with the sentence “2019 was a landmark year for Airport Regions Conference” could seem very presumptuous, but I am certain you will agree with me that this has been an extraordinary year for our organisation and if you demand why, the reasons are numerous:

To start with, ARC has celebrated its 25th anniversary. We have done this at a strong moment for the association: with more members, with a lot of projects running or in development, with a healthy economic situation, with an immensely valuable and consolidated staff, with far more recognition from our stakeholders than ever in our history.

From January 1, Airport Regions Conference became Airport Regions Council. With this change, without losing our acronym, we launch a new chapter in our evolution and show who we are in a more accurate way.

At the same time, we revised our Constitution to fully accommodate new Belgian legislation, and at the same time to allow us to be nimbler in our upcoming development. Moreover, the new Constitution is based on 25 years of experience in Brussels.

In our strategy of communication, a key aspect has been to showcase an updated website with easily-accessible information, as well as continue to be extremely visible on social media and be able to communicate relevant information to all our members and stakeholders.

In our strategy to expand our membership to represent more citizens, to develop a more extensive network and to get stronger as an organisation, we are delighted to welcome the first Portuguese member ever, the Metropolitan Authority of Porto and our first member out of the continent, the city of Eilat, Israel.

Very importantly, we continue participating in EU projects, which are of considerable interest to our members – focusing on minimising airport noise annoyance, developing employment in airport areas or developing green access practices to airports. We are preparing new projects which consider a vast array of issues of interest for the foreseeable future.

This has furthermore been a year of remarkably successful events organised by the ARC also – from Land Use Planning in Airport Areas, to Territorial Governance of Airport Regions as well as Biofuels in Aviation, we organised events with key stakeholders like the European Commission.

As you can clearly understand, we are very proud of 2019 and the last of these 25 years. We are more committed than ever to continue serving our members and achieving our goals.

Finally, and in the name of all members, the Executive Committee and the Secretariat, allow me to thank all who have helped us during 2019 and the 24 years before. I continue to passionately believe that we can achieve tremendous things, but only together, just as we have done since 1994.
Who we are

The Airport Regions Council (ARC) is an association of metropolitan, 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 airports, air transport and local and regional policies.

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.

If you are interested and would like to receive more information, please contact ARC at 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
Metropolitan Region Rhein-Neckar
Regional Authority FrankfurtRheinMain
State of Berlin and State of Brandenburg

Hungary
Budapest District XVIII

Ireland
Fingal City Council

Israel
Municipality of Eilat

Malta
Transport Malta

Netherlands
Beek Town Council
Province of Drenthe
Rotterdam City Council

Norway
Akershus County Council
Ovre Romerike Development

Poland
Mazovia Region

Portugal
Metropolitan Authority Porto

Romania
Iasi County Council

Spain
Barcelona Municipal Council
El Prat de Llobregat Town Council
Gavà Town Council
Government of Catalonia
Madrid City Council

Sweden
Gothenburg Region
Our Vision, Mission and Values

**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, allowing them to work together to improve residents’ quality of life, to avoid, prevent, minimise and compensate the negative impacts of airport activities and providing 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 art and 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 quality of life of citizens neighbouring airports, the lowest possible impact on the environment and economic growth of airport regions and care about the human factor which is inseparable from this evolution.
ARC: Key partner to European projects

Thanks to our involvement in previous European projects, we have established ourselves as a credible research 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

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

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.

DREAAM
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. DREAAM 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.
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 2019, 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.

**European Institutional Partners**

- European Parliament
- European Committee of the Regions
- European Commission
- EUROCONTROL
- European Economic and Social Committee
- EASA
January
Brussels, LAirA Transnational meeting
Brussels, DREAAM Project meeting

February
Brussels, High Level Conference “Multimodal transport – towards the future”
Brussels, Land Use Planning event (ANIMA)

March
Berlin, DREAAM Project meeting
Brussels, LAirA webinar
Ljubljana, ANIMA Project management meeting

April
El Prat, Governance of Airport Territories
Vienna, LAirA Capitalisation and crossfertilisation meeting

May
Brasov, Romania, Smart Regional Development Airport Cities
Delft, ANIMA Stand at Aeroacoustics

June
Beek, DREAAM Project meeting
Brussels, ANIMA review meeting

July
Brussels, Action for Mobility in Europe: Research and Assessment (CAMERA project) workshop at the EUROCONTROL

September
Brussels, Helsinki EU office event “Sustainable Pathway to Future Aviation”
Slovenia, Autumn Committee Plenaries of the Assembly of European Regions
Rome, ANIMA meeting

October
Vienna, LAirA Conference and Workshop on Improving Landside Accessibility of Airports in Central Europe
Brussels, Metropolis event: Cities and Metropolitan Airport Areas looking for new approaches
Brussels, European Week of Cities and Regions
Paris, H2020 Transport Information Day

November
Frankfurt, DREAAM meeting
Brussels, EuroPCom 2019
Brussels, “Boosting Cross Border Regions through Better Transport”
Brussels, EU Vocational Training event

December
Budapest, LAirA Project Final Conference & Greenairport Meeting
Brussels, Transparent noise management; community engagement in Airport Areas – Slovenia
Brussels, Boeing event “Commercial aviation outlook for the next 20 years”
Ljubljana, ANIMA dissemination meeting
Conferences, Meetings and Events

Henrik ERAMETSA, Head of Aviation Regulation, NESTE

Henrik Erametsä (M.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering), Head of Aviation Regulation, Neste, based in Espoo Finland. From 2014-16 he was Head of US Federal Affairs, based in Washington DC. Henrik is Co-Chair of the EU Biofuels FlightPath 2020 initiative.

Angelica HULL, CEO, SWEDISH BIOFUELS

The professor Angelica Hull wanted to become a doctor, but became a chemistry professor and entrepreneur. Now, Swedish-Russian Angelica Hull has something that all the world's airlines want for meeting their enormous environmental challenges - an innovative technology for producing Sustainable Aviation Fuel -

Stéphane THION, Head of Biogas and Sustainable Aviation and Marine Biofuels, TOTAL

Stéphane Thion is the Head of Biogas and Sustainable Aviation and Marine Biofuels from Total. Total launched earlier this year La Mède biorefinery, the world-class facility of its type in France and one of the largest in the world, aims to meet the growing demand for biofuels.
REGIONS AND AIRPORTS

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

IN THE SECRET NEWSLETTER

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

SOCIAL MEDIA

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

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Airport Regions Council
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
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