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ECAS AGENDA

Moderator: Prof. Dr Triant Flouris, Metropolitan College

9.30 Registration

10.00 Opening Remarks

Panagiotis Panagopoulos, CEO & Founder, Aeropodium

Prof. Dr Triant Flouris, Metropolitan College

10.10 Geopolitical Tensions and Business Aviation: Challenges and Opportunities

Prof. Dr Andreas Papatheodorou, Head, Department of Tourism Economics and Management, University of the Aegean

10.40 Bridging the Gap Between Basic Pilot Training and Corporate Aviation Requirements

George Zografakis, CEO, Egnatia Aviation

11.10 Networking Coffee Break

11.40 The Future of Business Aircraft Operations

Malcolm Debono, Head of Business Development, Hyperion Aviation

12.10 Demand, Supply and Market Pressures

Eleni Maragkou, Valuation Analyst, Cirium Ascend Consultancy

12.40 Networking Lunch Break

13.40 NEATS and EMIS Systems – Helping Business Aviation Comply with ETS and CORSIA

Ioannis Pachos, Product Owner, EUROCONTROL

14.10 Why is it Important to Choose your Ground Handling Partner Carefully?

Alex Haddad, Chief Commercial Officer, Blue Aviation

14.40 Gulf Hostilities and Aviation Contracts

Speaker to be confirmed

15.10 Concluding Remarks

SPEAKERS

Malcolm Debono, Head of Business Development, Hyperion Aviation

Senior aviation executive with over 20 years of progressive experience across commercial and business aviation, with a strong track record of delivering operational excellence, strategic client management, and business growth. Career progression from frontline cabin operations to senior leadership roles including Operations Management, Key Account Management, Head of OCC, Client Relations, and Business Development.

Demonstrated expertise in leading high-performing teams, optimizing operational performance, managing complex stakeholder relationships, and driving commercial strategies in fast-paced, highly regulated aviation environments. Adept at aligning operational execution with business objectives, enhancing client satisfaction, strengthening key partnerships, and identifying growth opportunities while ensuring the highest standards of safety, compliance, and service delivery.

Alex Haddad, Chief Commercial Officer, Blue Aviation

Alex Haddad is Chief Commercial Officer at Blue Aviation, where he leads the company's global commercial strategy, overseeing sales, business development, marketing and client experience.

With nearly 20 years of experience across commercial and business aviation, Alex brings a well-rounded background spanning operations, service delivery and commercial leadership. Prior to joining Blue Aviation, he served as Director of Sales for EMEA–APAC at Universal Weather & Aviation, where he led multicultural teams and drove strategic growth initiatives across international markets.

Throughout his career, Alex has built a strong reputation for developing high-performing teams, strengthening client partnerships and delivering sustainable revenue growth. His experience includes leadership roles at Air Culinare Worldwide, Harrods Aviation and Emirates Airlines, giving him a deep understanding of the aviation ecosystem from both operational and commercial perspectives.

Alex holds an MBA from the University of Roehampton in London and is fluent in English, French and Arabic.

Eleni Maragkou, Valuation Analyst, Cirium Ascend Consultancy

Eleni is a Valuations Analyst at Cirium, specialising in appraisals, conducting value research and advisory. Since joining in 2024, Eleni has supported clients globally with clear, data-driven insights to inform strategic decisions. With a background in Aviation Management and International Business, Eleni brings a global perspective to her work and a strong interest in how market dynamics shape asset value.

Ioannis Pachos, Product Owner, EUROCONTROL

Athens University of Economics and Business graduate with a BSc in Management Science and Technology, and holder of an MSc in International Business from University of Barcelona. With nine years of professional experience in aviation, including four years focused on ETS/CORSIA sustainability, Ioannis currently serves as EUROCONTROL Product Owner of EMIS (Environment Management Information Service) and Chairman of the EMIS State Users Task Force, leading discussions on technical and regulatory matters related to EMIS development. Ioannis is also an external team member of NEATS, supporting the integration between EMIS and NEATS systems.

Dr Evangelia Pantelaki, Senior Lecturer in Aviation Management, Emirates Aviation University

Dr Evangelia Pantelaki is a Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Business Management at Emirates Aviation University. She is a transport economist and holds a PhD in Methods and Models for Economic Decisions from the University of Insubria in Italy. She enhances her academic research with practical policy experience, having served as an Economic Consultant for several Greek Ministries. Additionally, she has worked closely with public authorities in Italy and the UK Department for Transport, evaluating transport policies for applied research projects. Her research interests focus on business aviation, air transport economics, aviation management, sustainable aviation, and transport policy evaluation. She actively contributes to the academic community through invited talks, editorial roles for leading peer-reviewed academic journals, and conference leadership. Dr Pantelaki is a member of various international aviation professional organisations, including the Royal Aeronautical Society, the German Aviation Research Society, the Aviation Policy Group of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in the UK, Women in Aviation International, and the Hellenic Aviation Society.

Prof. Dr Andreas Papatheodorou, Head, Department of Tourism Economics and Management, University of the Aegean

Professor Dr Andreas Papatheodorou is a renowned academic researcher, trainer, and advisor specialising in air transport, tourism economics, and management. He is currently a Professor of Industrial and Spatial Economics, with Emphasis on Tourism, at the University of the Aegean, Greece, where he also heads the Department of Tourism Economics and Management, the Research Laboratory of Tourism, Transport, Infrastructure, and Destination Development, and the MBA programme in Air Transport Management (MATBA). Additionally, Professor Papatheodorou serves as an Adjunct Professor at the University of New South Wales, Australia, and at Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences, Germany. He collaborates with the École Nationale de l'Aviation Civile, France, and its campuses in Hong Kong, the Ivory Coast, Algeria, and Ethiopia. His other roles include instructing for the Arab Air Carriers Organisation (AACO) and the International Air Transport Association (IATA), and he has delivered over 30 seminars on air transport economics, strategic management, and marketing across the Middle East and North Africa. He also serves on the Executive Board of the Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority and is a member of the Panel of Experts for the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO). Since 2006, he has been a Fellow of the UK Tourism Society, and since 2007, a Fellow of the UK Higher Education Academy. Furthermore, between 2019 and 2026, Andreas was the President of the Hellenic Aviation Society, Greece's leading scientific society for air transport.

George Zografakis, CEO, Egnatia Aviation

George Zografakis is the Founder and CEO of Egnatia Group of Companies and Egnatia Aviation, one of the leading pilot training schools in Greece and Europe, based at the first private General Aviation Airport "Lydia" in Amygdaleonas, Kavala. Egnatia Aviation originated from the United Kingdom to Greece over 20 years ago, with the aim of promoting aviation services, such as pilot training, aircraft maintenance, General Aviation Aerodromes, the development of aviation culture and air tourism in our country. It has contributed to the stay of Greek student-pilots in Greece and to the attraction of foreign students from more than 62 different countries. In addition, he established for the first time in Greece the innovative BS in Aviation Management with Pilot Studies program in collaboration with the American College of Thessaloniki, Anatolia. The new private airport "Lydia" creates a general aviation hub and contributes dynamically to the development of air tourism and leisure activities in the

region, aiming at a dynamic and robust tourist sector. In addition, the company is actively participating in several Aviation Research projects.