

22-24 June 2026
Prague, Czechia



PROGRAMME

22 June 2026 – Monday

12:00 - 21:00	Exhibition Setup & Delegate Registration
Grand Hotel Prague Towers, Suite 2 & Lobby	
16:00 - 18:00	ACI EUROPE World Business Partners Meeting
<i>Invitation required, contact: wbp@aci-europe.org</i>	
Grand Hotel Prague Towers, 24th floor	
19:00 - 22:00	<i>Welcome Reception</i>
Grand Hotel Prague Towers, Foyer	

23 June 2026 – Tuesday

[Grand Hotel Prague Towers, Suite 1](#)

08:00 – 08:30	<i>Registration & Welcome Coffee</i>
08:30 – 08:35	Official Opening by the Master of Ceremonies
08:35 – 08:45	Host Welcome
<i>Address</i>	
08:45 – 09:05	Welcome Address
<i>Address</i>	
09:05 – 09:35	The State of the Industry
<i>Presentation</i>	
ACI EUROPE Director General Olivier Jankovec will begin the ACI EUROPE Annual Congress & General Assembly with his renowned State of the Industry Address, providing a comprehensive overview of the current status, challenges, and future prospects of the aviation industry in Europe. Driven by the latest data, the address offers insights into the economic outlook for the industry and discusses relevant policy developments for the upcoming year. This unmissable update will tell you	

everything you need to know regarding traffic trends, financial performance, and operational challenges faced by European airports.

09:35 – 10:15

The Keynote Policy Dialogue: Anchoring Airports in the EU's Strategic Priorities of Competitiveness, Defence and Sustainability – Where Do We Stand & What Next?

Interview

From SAF mandates to revised sustainability reporting rules, and the results of the EU fitness check of aviation regulations, policy plays a fundamental role in defining the ongoing operations of European airports.

As the regulatory landscape continues to evolve with priorities shifting from an all-out green agenda to competitiveness and military readiness, understanding and adapting to these changes is crucial for airports and aviation. This high-level interview will provide you with all you need to know in the coming year - and how to truly understand the political playbook.

10:15 – 10:45

Networking & Coffee Break in the Exhibition Area

10:45 – 11:35

The Airport CEO Symposium: New Strategies for Navigating Uncertainty, Volatility and Disruption: Is It All About Resilience?

Panel Discussion

Amid ongoing disruption and transformation across the aviation ecosystem, this panel will explore how airport leaders are building leadership, resilience, and agility to thrive in an era defined by uncertainty. Expect candid insights on navigating volatility, redefining growth strategies, and steering airports towards a more sustainable and resilient future.

11:35 – 12:10

The View from Beyond Europe: The Airline Interview

Interview

12:10 – 13:00

Panel Discussion: Cleared for Growth – Navigating and Overcoming European and Local Airport Capacity Roadblocks

Panel Discussion

Europe is facing unprecedented demand for air connectivity: with passenger traffic having surpassed pre-pandemic levels and only set to grow, how do we approach the question of airport capacity? This panel will tackle how airports can secure growth and modernisation in the face of policy resistance, environmental scrutiny, and resurgent NIMBYism. Panellists will explore how to advocate effectively for expansion, manage reputational and community challenges - and navigate the evolving debate around slot allocation and airport control over newly developed capacity.

13:00 – 14:00

Networking Lunch

14:00 – 14:50

Panel Discussion: Financing Airport Development: Rates, Returns and Resilience

Panel Discussion

In a world defined by its financial uncertainty and volatile trading conditions – how can airports strategically invest in their future infrastructure?

In this session, discover a range of voices that will provide you with a vision on how to make infrastructure investment work for you in the long term. Discover how airport infrastructure can harmoniously tie with the projected demand for air travel in Europe, whilst retaining sustainability as a key mission within your operations.

14:50 – 15:10





Deep Dive into Market Dynamics: What Is Really Driving Air Fares, and How Relevant Is This for Consumers, Airports and Regulators

Presentation

15:10 – 15:20



Set-the-Scene Keynote: Europe as a Driver of Innovation and Competitiveness in Travel Retail

Keynote

15:20 – 16:05	Panel Discussion: Maximising Non-Aeronautical Revenues – Key Innovations Amid Changing Consumer Expectations & Behaviour
 <i>Panel Discussion</i>	<p>Rising consumer demands, shifting demographics, and evolving spending behaviours are the defining factors for airports' commercial developments. Non-aeronautical revenue remains a potential goldmine for many airports who seek to untangle financial viability from passenger growth, but how can you identify your airport's USP amidst the noise?</p> <p>This session will bring together airport leaders who have successfully diversified their revenue base, alongside insights from ACI EUROPE's Airport City and Real Estate Task Force. With their expertise, dive into new research on Gen Z and silver traveller spending patterns, and how airports can design experiences and partnerships that drive engagement, loyalty, and long-term commercial success.</p>
16:05 – 16:45	Deep Dive into Market Dynamics: Special Focus on Emerging & Growing Eurasian Aviation Markets
 <i>Panel Discussion</i>	<p>This session will examine the drivers behind the exceptional traffic in a number of Eurasian aviation markets, focusing on evolving passenger demand, the geopolitical impact and the regulatory and competitive factors shaping aviation development.</p>
16:45 – 17:00	<i>Networking Break</i>
17:00 – 18:00	ACI EUROPE Annual General Assembly (reserved for Members)
 <i>Grand Hotel Prague Towers, Suite 1</i>	
18:15 – 18:45	<i>Transport to the Gala Dinner</i>
19:00 – 22:30	<i>Gala Dinner incl. Best Airport Awards Ceremony & Host Handover</i>
 <i>Prague Castle, Spanish Hall</i>	
22:00 – 23:00	<i>Transport back from Gala Dinner</i>

24 June 2026 – Wednesday

 *Grand Hotel Prague Towers, Suite 1*

08:30 – 09:00	<i>Registration & Welcome Coffee</i>
09:00 – 09:10	Welcome by the Master of Ceremonies
09:10 – 09:40	Keynote Interview: Four Years On – How Have Ukrainian Airports Weathered the Ongoing War and How Are They Preparing for the Restart of Operations
 <i>Interview</i>	
09:40 – 09:55	Airport Carbon Accreditation Announcement and Ceremony
 <i>Ceremony</i>	
09:55 – 10:50	Panel Discussion: Where Next with Our Decarbonisation Journey?

 **Panel Discussion**

As airlines and OEMs raise doubts on the feasibility of net zero targets and the pace of SAF deployment, airports find themselves at the same time deeply committed to decarbonisation as well as stuck in the middle of an increasingly complex climate debate. With the EU navigating a polycrisis that risks pushing the green agenda down the list of political priorities, this session will examine how airports can stay on course amid shifting expectations and regulatory uncertainty. Industry leaders will unpack the real implications of emerging zero-emission technologies, explore where responsibility lies in the immediate future, and discuss how airports can maintain momentum on decarbonisation whilst balancing operational, financial, and policy pressures.

10:50 – 11:20

Networking & Coffee Break

11:20 – 11:40

Special Address: Technology Trends Defining the Airport of Tomorrow - SITA Insights

 **Presentation**

The presentation will precede a panel discussion on AI as an airport innovation enabler and will focus on innovation and artificial intelligence in the aviation sector. It will also provide SITA's perspective on the key technology trends shaping the airport of tomorrow, including selected developments relevant to the airline business. Drawing on insights from the SITA IT Insights Survey, the session will offer a data-driven view of how digital transformation is redefining the industry.

11:40 – 12:20

Panel Discussion: AI as the Key Airport Innovation Enabler

 **Panel Discussion**

There is no doubt that AI is rapidly reshaping the aviation landscape, from passenger marketing to terminal operations. But how can airports harness AI's full potential as a driver of efficiency, innovation, and growth? This session will explore how airports can proactively deploy AI in the most responsible way: ensuring measurable operational gains whilst managing ethical and regulatory risks. Gain insights into every facet of AI integration, including how to attract, retain, and reskill talent in an AI-driven era: ensuring your own team evolves in step with technological transformation.

12:20 – 12:40

Special Address: Global Economics Intelligence by McKinsey

 **Presentation**

In this Special Address, discover the latest insights into the geopolitical situation and macroeconomic shifts. Gain a clear view of fluctuating trade conditions, from shifting tariff policies to evolving consumer demand, as well as how global market forces are expected to impact Europe's aviation trends and long-term growth trajectory.

12:40 – 13:30

Wrapping Up: The Future Airport Business Model

 **Panel Discussion**

As global travel patterns shift, airports are rethinking how they create value. This panel gathers leading executives to explore emerging business models – from diversified revenue streams and digital transformation to sustainability and partnership strategies – shaping the next era of airport growth and competitiveness.

13:30 – 13:35

Wrap-Up from Master of Ceremonies

13:35 – 14:45

Farewell Lunch

15:00 – 16:00

Airport Tour

 **Prague Airport**