

IATA WINGS OF CHANGE EUROPE

Brussels, Belgium
15 October 2026

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM



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Wednesday 14 October

18:00 – 20:00

COCKTAIL RECEPTION

Thursday 15 October

09:00 – 09:05

Welcome by IATA

09:05 – 09:20

The European Union's role in ensuring a competitive European aviation in a challenging geopolitical landscape

09:20 – 09:35

Belgium – Europe's Strategic Gateway

- **Jean-Luc Crucke**, Minister of Mobility, Climate, and Ecological Transition, Belgium

09:35 – 09:50

European Competitiveness – Where are we two years after the Draghi report?

09:50 – 10:05

Economic Outlook – Focus on Europe and the Value of Aviation - How does European aviation compare to other regions? What can the EU and European Governments do to create a more favorable framework for air transport to bring more connectivity as well as economic and social value?

10:05 – 10:35

Ministers' Session - A series of fireside chats where European aviation's most pressing policy issues will be covered by Ministers from across the Region.

10:35 – 11:15

NETWORKING BREAK

11:15 – 12:00

CEOs on the spot - In this quick-fire Q&A session, airline CEOs will share what it takes to make an airline successful in the current geopolitical and operational context.

12:00 – 12:30

Airline Operational Issues - Summer 2026 In Review –

12:30 – 13:00

Key Aviation Files on the EU Horizon - A political conversation on the key files shaping the future of aviation in Europe, bringing together representatives from the European institutions and the aviation industry to discuss the opportunities and challenges ahead.

13:00 – 14:15

LUNCH BREAK

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14:15 – 14:25	Keynote
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14:35 – 14:55	From Agreement to Implementation: Delivering the New EU Passenger Rights Framework - This fireside chat will explore the implementation of the reformed EU Air Passenger Rights examining what the key changes mean for enforcement, compliance, and the responsibilities of airlines and regulators across Europe.
14:55 – 15:30	Revisiting Regulation 1008/2008: Ensuring Competitiveness in European Aviation - As the EU considers the future of Regulation 1008/2008, this panel will explore how to preserve the success of the Single Aviation Market while ensuring aviation remains competitive, connected, and affordable. Speakers will discuss how targeted, proportionate regulation can strengthen Europe's air transport sector, reduce unnecessary administrative burden, and support a commercially sustainable future for European aviation.
15:30 – 16:00	NETWORKING BREAK
16:00 – 16:45	Airport Legislation: A Framework That Works
16:45 – 17:00	Safety in a Changing Geopolitical Landscape
17:00 – 17:45	Addressing Geopolitical Challenges
17:45 – 18:00	Closing remarks

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