



Cluj International Airport will be the host of the international aviation conference *Aviation-Event 2022 CLJ, organized for the first time in Romania*

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Cluj „Avram Iancu” International Airport will organize on 31 March 2022, an international aviation conference at the airport, in collaboration with *Aviation-Event Conference*, a specialized platform in organizing some of the most prestigious aviation conferences at European level.

Aviation-Event is an international conference dedicated to the aviation industry and organized in partnership with various airports as hosts of the conference. Ever since 2007, Aviation-Event has invited, aviation industry leaders and political stakeholders to debate and find solutions to the aviation industry's problems.

The conference will bring together in a one-day conference, worldwide civil aviation professionals, representatives of the relevant national authorities, airlines and airports CEOs from Europe and Romania.

The conference aims to bring together leaders from the European aviation industry, who will present new perspectives for civil aviation development at international level in the post-pandemic context and the continuing need of the ever-changing aeronautical industry, to adapt to new scenarios.

Among the speakers already confirmed are **Luis Felipe de Oliveira**, Director General, Airports Council International (ACI) World, **József Váradi**, CEO - Wizz Air, **Rafael Schwartzmann**, RVP Europe, IATA, **Charles Schlumberger**, Air Transport Expert – World Bank, **Michael Kerkloh**, Supervisory Board Member – Lufthansa AG, **Daniel Burkard** - Director External Relations & Business Development, Moscow Domodedovo Airport, **Ioanna Papadopoulou**, Director of Communications & Marketing, Athens International Airport, **Jiri Marek**, CEO, Air Serbia, **Pierre Coutu**, President, Aviation Strategies International, **Vasile Dîncu**, Minister of National Defense, **Nicolae Stoica**, Director General, Romanian Civil Aviation Authority, **Adrian Cojoc** - CEO, Romanian Air Traffic Services Administration (ROMATSA).

Mrs. **Adina Vălean**, European Commissioner for Transport, European Commission, will have a video presentation for the conference participants, in the opening of the conference.

Marcel Riwalsky, CEO, [Aviation-Event](#), declared: *“We have chosen Cluj International Airport as the meeting point for the European aviation industry elite because here we found the regional airport with the most dynamic and spectacular development in South-Eastern Europe. The open and visionary management that we found here, made us believe this is the right place to accomplish the scope of this event that brings together representatives from the highest level of European aviation.”*

David Ciceo – CEO of Cluj International Airport, has made the following comments: *“On March 31, 2022, Cluj-Napoca will be the **capital of European aviation**. It is an honour, a great responsibility but also a challenge for Cluj International Airport to organize for the first time in Romania such a conference. This prestigious event represents the opportunity to show to the entire Europe the Romanian vision for a sustainable and resilient transport system can contribute to the Romania’s long-term economic development. The privilege to host Aviation-Event 2022 CLJ, is a result of the status acquired by Cluj International Airport in the last two decades, respectively - a model of good practices and a reference airport in South-Eastern Europe, and the recent award given by ACI Europe as Best Airport in Europe under 5 million passenger/year comes to confirm all the above.”*

Given the COVID-19 pandemic period, we want to ensure the health and safety of all delegates, speakers and organizing staff. In this regard, we will review and adapt all measures to prevent contamination with the new coronavirus in order to minimize any associated risks and to ensure that the conference will take place in maximum safety conditions. We will follow the government's guidelines and ensure the physical distance necessary for the smooth running of the event.

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