



NORTH AMERICA/CENTRAL EUROPE  
**AIRPORT ISSUES**  
**CONFERENCE** ———— ✈️  
October 19-21, 2025 | Warsaw, Poland

**DRAFT AGENDA**  
**U.S / Central Europe Aviation Issues Conference**  
**Warsaw, Poland**  
**October 19-21**  
**Tentative Venue: Sofitel Hotel -Warsaw**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19**

7:30 am-1p.m. Conference Registration

10- 11 a.m. IAAE Board Meeting

12:30 -3:30 p.m. Walking City Tour

*Sponsored by Rhode Island Airport Corporation*

6 -7 p.m. Welcoming Reception

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 20**

7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Registration

9-10 a.m. Morning Networking Coffee

10-10:30 a.m. Welcome Remarks and Conference Overview  
Heba Gouda  
Vice President, Global Operations  
American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE)

Dr. Maciej Lasek (**to be invited**)

Secretary of State at the Ministry of Infrastructure

The Government Plenipotentiary for the Central Communication Port (CPK)

U.S. Embassy (*to be invited*)

Kevin R. Bumen, A.A.E., C.A.E.

Chief Financial & Commercial Officer

San Francisco International Airport

Host Airport Representatives -Polish Airports (PPL S.A.) or Poznań Airport)

Lt. Gen. Charles Costanza (**invited**)

Commanding General of V Corps

U.S. Army V Corps

10:30 am-12pm

**SESSION 1- Panel Discussion: Development of New Airport Hubs-** *This panel will explore global trends in airport infrastructure, examining the strategic decision between building new greenfield airports and modernizing existing ones. Featuring a keynote by the Government Plenipotentiary for CPK, the session will include a case study on Poland's Centralny Port Komunikacyjny (CPK) as a model for 21st-century airport development and assess the broader economic and mobility impacts of major aviation investments.*

**Introduction:**

PPL's Expert 10 minutes presentation: Case study: Modernization of Chopin Airport and construction of greenfield airport hub - CPK as strategic projects of the airport sector in Poland from the perspective of the experience of PPL S.A., the largest airport operator in Central and Eastern Europe

**Moderator:**

PPL (TBD)

**Speakers:**

Dr. Maciej Lasek (to be invited)

Secretary of State at the Ministry of Infrastructure

The Government Plenipotentiary for the Central Communication Port (CPK)

Iftikhar Ahmad, P.E. **(Confirmed)**  
President and CEO  
Rhode Island Airport Corporation

Viktor Sober **(Confirmed)**  
CEO  
Dubrovnik Airport

Palmi Randversson **(Confirmed)**  
Managing Director  
KADECO, Airport City Development  
Keflavik International Airport, Iceland

Peter de Leeuw **(TBC)**  
Head of Airport City Development & preliminary Chair of  
the global Airport City Developer's Network  
Vienna International Airport

PPL S.A. **(to be invited)**

CPK **(to be invited)**

12-12:30 pm **Coffee/Networking Break**

12:30-1:30 pm **SESSION 2- Expert Session: Geopolitical Challenges for Aviation.** *This expert session will address the far-reaching impact of geopolitical conflicts—particularly the war in Ukraine—on global aviation. Topics will include airspace restrictions, sanctions, and rerouting challenges, as well as the need for cohesive pan-European strategies. The discussion will also focus on lessons learned in crisis response and international cooperation within the aviation sector.*

**Introduction:** 10 minutes presentation: Main geopolitical challenges for Aviation in third decade of XXI century – speaker TBD

**Moderator:** Tonci Peovic MBA IAP **(to be invited)**  
CEO, Alat Airport  
Baku, Azerbaijan

**Speakers:** Florian Guillerment **(to be invited)**  
Director General  
EASA

Simone R. Perez **(to be invited)**  
Assistant Administrator of Policy International Affairs & Environment  
FAA

Magdalena Jaworska-Maćkowiak **(to be invited)**  
President & CEO  
The Polish Air Navigation Services Agency

Oleksiy Dubrevskyy **(to be invited)**  
CEO Boryspil International

Flavio Moretti **(invited)**  
Regional Director – Rome  
SITA

1:30-3 pm

**Networking Luncheon**

*Sponsored by Birmingham Airport Authority*

3-4 p.m.

**SESSION 3 —Digital Transformation in Airport Management--**

*This panel will examine how airports are leveraging artificial intelligence, automation, and intelligent passenger management systems to enhance operational efficiency and capacity. Experts will share practical models from both the U.S. and Europe, highlighting how digital tools are reshaping the future of airport operations and improving the overall passenger experience.*

**Introduction:**

PPL's Expert 10 minutes presentation: Presentation of the major conclusions of the Report on Future Technologies for Civil Aviation, prepared on behalf of PPL S.A. by the Team of Economic Advisors TOR.

**Moderator:** TBD

**Speakers:** Beder Al Aydi **(Confirmed)**  
Chairman, Aviation Department at PSU, Saudi Arabia

Lance Lyttle **(invited)**  
CEO  
The Greater Orlando Aviation Authority

Perry Miller, A.A.E., I.A.P. **(Invited)**  
President & CEO  
Richmond International Airport

Jim Szczesniak, Director **(to be invited)**  
Houston Airport System

Sherin Dawoud **(to be invited)**  
Innovation Manager  
Flughafen Munchen

Federico Bonaudi **(to be invited)**  
Director of Facilitation, Parliamentary Affairs & Regional Airport  
ACI

4-4:30 p.m. **Networking Coffee Break**

4:30-5:30 p.m. **SESSION 4- Enhancing Cooperation in Civil and Dual-Use Airport Operations: Strategies for Integrating State and Military Activities in Central and Eastern Europe** - *This session will examine strategies for enhancing collaboration at dual-use airports in Central and Eastern Europe. Experts will explore operational frameworks, coordination mechanisms, and*

*best practices for integrating state and military activities, ensuring readiness and resilience across the region.*

**Introduction:** Expert **(TBD)** 10 minutes presentation: proposed topic - How greater military mobility might affect the aviation sector - chances and risks

**Moderator:** Jeanne Olivier, A.A.E., ACE, IACE **(Confirmed)**  
Airport Management Advisor

**Speakers:** Mark VanLoh A.A.E. **(Confirmed)**  
CEO  
Jacksonville Aviation Authority

Rick Crider, A.A.E. **(Confirmed)**  
Airport Director  
Prescott Regional Airport (to be invited)

Rebecca Hupp, A.A.E. **(invited)**  
Airport Director, Boise Airport

Ioanna Papadopoulou **(to be invited)**  
Director, Communications & Marketing  
Athens International Airport S.A.

Vyacheslav Cheglatonyev (Slava) **(invited)**  
Chief Commercial Officer/Commercial Director  
Odesa International Airport, Ukraine

7-9 p.m.

**Hosted Gala Dinner**

*Sponsored by the Host Sponsored -Polish Airports (PPL S.A.) Airport*

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21**

7:30 a.m. -12 p.m. Registration

9-9:30 a.m. Morning Coffee and Networking

9:30 a.m.-10:30am **SESSION 5- ESG in Aviation - A Strategy for the Future** - *This session will explore how airports are integrating Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles into long-term strategy and daily operations. Panelists will discuss decarbonization efforts at U.S. airports, emerging technologies that support sustainability, and the evolving impact of EU environmental regulations—offering a comparative transatlantic perspective on building a more resilient and responsible aviation sector.*

**Introduction:** PPL's Expert 10 minutes presentation: Presentation of the major conclusions of the Report on ESG practices at Polish airports, prepared on behalf of PPL S.A. by KPMG.

**Moderator:** Paulina Paga **(confirmed)**  
ESG Team Leader and Plenipotentiary of the Management Board of Sustainable Development

**Speakers:** Adam Sanocki, eMBA | DBA | **(confirmed)**  
Member of the Management Board  
Polish Airports State Enterprise (PPL S.A.)

Jan Eklund **(Confirmed)**  
Intramodality Strategist, Strategic Development and Innovation,  
Swedavia

Greg Bracci **(invited)**  
Vice President  
Envirosuite

Greg Kelly **(invited)**  
Executive Director  
Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport,

Susan Warner Dooley, AAE, IAP **(invited)**  
Aviation Chief Commercial Officer  
Port Authority of NY & NJ

Morgan Foulkes **(to invited)**  
Deputy Director General chez  
ACI EUROPE

10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. **Networking Coffee Break**

11a.m. - 12:30 pm **SESSION 6- Innovative Financing Models for Airport Infrastructure-**  
*This session will explore innovative financing models for airport infrastructure, with a focus on global experiences in public-private partnerships (PPPs), access to EU funding, and the role of private capital in aviation. Panelists will also highlight forward-looking strategies for financing green infrastructure, offering U.S. and European perspectives on sustainable investment approaches in a changing regulatory and economic environment*

**Introduction:** PPL's Expert 10 minutes presentation: Presentation of the main conclusions of the Report on the Economic Impact of Airports on Polish Regions, prepared on behalf of PPL S.A. by the Team of Economic Advisors TOR.

**Moderator:** TBD

**Speakers:** Kevin Bumen, A.A.E., C.A.E., IAAE Chair **(Confirmed)**  
Chief Finance and Commercial Officer  
San Francisco International Airport

Thomas Lubeck **(Confirmed)**  
Regional Manager, PPP Transaction Advisory Services, South Asia and East Asia Pacific at the International Finance Corporation (IFC)



Nicolas Notebaert **(to be invited)**  
CEO, VINCI Airports

Magda Kopczyńska **(to be invited)**  
Director-General for Mobility and Transport  
The European Commission.

Oliver Jankovec **(to be invited)**  
Director General  
Airports Council International - ACI EUROPE

### **SESSION 7- The Future of Airports in a Dynamically Changing World**

*-This final session will reflect on the key themes and insights from the conference while addressing the evolving challenges and strategic priorities facing airports over the next decade. It will conclude with remarks from the organizers and a forward-looking discussion on how the global aviation community can adapt, innovate, and lead in a rapidly changing environment.*

12:30-1:30pm

Jeff Mulder **(Confirmed)**  
Airports Director  
Oklahoma City (OKC)

**Moderator:** Phill Washington **(invited)**  
CEO  
Denver International Airport

**Speakers:** Augustin de Romanet **(invited)**  
Chairman & CEO  
Groupe ADP (Paris Airports)

Łukasz Chaberski **(to be invited)**  
CEO, PPL S.A.

1:30 Pm                      Conference Adjournment and invitation to the 2026 conference

1:30-2:30 pm              **Lunch and Networking**  
*Sponsored by Jacksonville Aviation Authority*

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