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Aviation-Event 2025 CLJ

21 MARCH 2025

Host: Cluj International Airport, Romania



MODERATOR OF THE DAY

Alexander Bogoyavlenski, Journalist, Bloomberg TV Bulgaria

OPENING WELCOME SESSION

Time: 09:00

Maria Forna, Cluj County Governor

Alin Tișe, President, Cluj County

Emil Boc, Mayor, Cluj-Napoca City

Rareș Bogdan, Member of the European Parliament

Moderator: José Ramón Bauzá, Former Balearic Islands President, Former MEP

MODERATED WELCOME KEYNOTE

Time: 09:30

David Ciceo, CEO, Cluj International Airport

Moderator: **Raphael Muelders**, Journalist, La Libre Belgique

MODERATED KEYNOTE INTERVIEW

Aeropolitical facts: Two months after the Trump administration has arrived in office

Time: 09:50

Candace McGraw, Chair of ACI World Governing Board,
CEO, Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport

Moderator: Marcel Riwalsky, CEO, Aviation-Event

MODERATED KEYNOTE INTERVIEW
Enhancing Operational Excellence Through Digital Integration

Time: 10:40

Frédéric Chevalier, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Lagardère Travel Retail

Moderator: Miquel Ros, Aviation Journalist, AeroTime

Panel 1 | Europe on its own? Major aviation players leaving the path of liberalization and decarbonization?

Time: 11:45

Luis Felipe de Oliveira, former Director General, ACI World

Rüdiger Franke, CEO, Hahn Airport

Askin Demir, Chief Executive Officer, LAS LIMAK AIBD SUMMA SA Aéroport Internationale Blaise Diagne

Andrew O'Brian, President and CEO Centerline Airport Partners, Inc.

Moderator: Luc Citrinot, Journalist, Voyages d'Affaires

PANEL 2 | Shaping the Future of Aviation: is the aviation industry open for new technology? If so: open only for tech giants or startup players as well?

Time: 14:15

Clara Sasse, Co-CEO, Sasse Group: *Robotics in Aviation Maintenance*

Florian Kruse, CEO, Evia Aero: *Transforming fuel-based Aircraft in Electrical Aircraft*

Abdelmessih Fahmy, Executive Director, ModiVision: *Enhancing airports' touchpoints with advanced biometric solutions*

Gert Taeymans, EVP Europe, ADB Safegate: *Airside 4.0 technology in enabling sustainable airport operations*

Antoine Rostworowski, Senior Vice President, Programs and Commercial Services, Airport Council International (ACI) World

Moderator: Christoph Martin Madsen, Founder, BongoPlanes

PANEL 3 | The roadmap to implementing aviation safety and regulations: a collaborative approach for global aviation

Time: 15:15

Nicolae Stoica, General Director, Romanian Civil Aeronautical Authority

Vasile Țocu, Bucharest Air Navigation Services Directorate, Romanian Air Traffic Services Administration (ROMATSA)

Costin Iordache, CEO, TAROM

Antonio Stoian, CEO, Animawings

Claudiu Marian, Director, Department of Contemporary History and International Studies, Babes-Bolyai University

Moderator: Michael Eggenschwiler, Senior Aviation Executive, Board Member, Mentor

CLOSING SPEECH

Time: 16:15

David Ciceo, CEO, Cluj International Airport

Marcel Riwalsky, CEO, Aviation-Event

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Time: 09:00 – 16:30 | Dress Code: Business Attire / Business Casual

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★ Gala Dinner

Time: 19:00 – 23:00 | Dress Code: Smart Casual / Evening Cocktail Outfit

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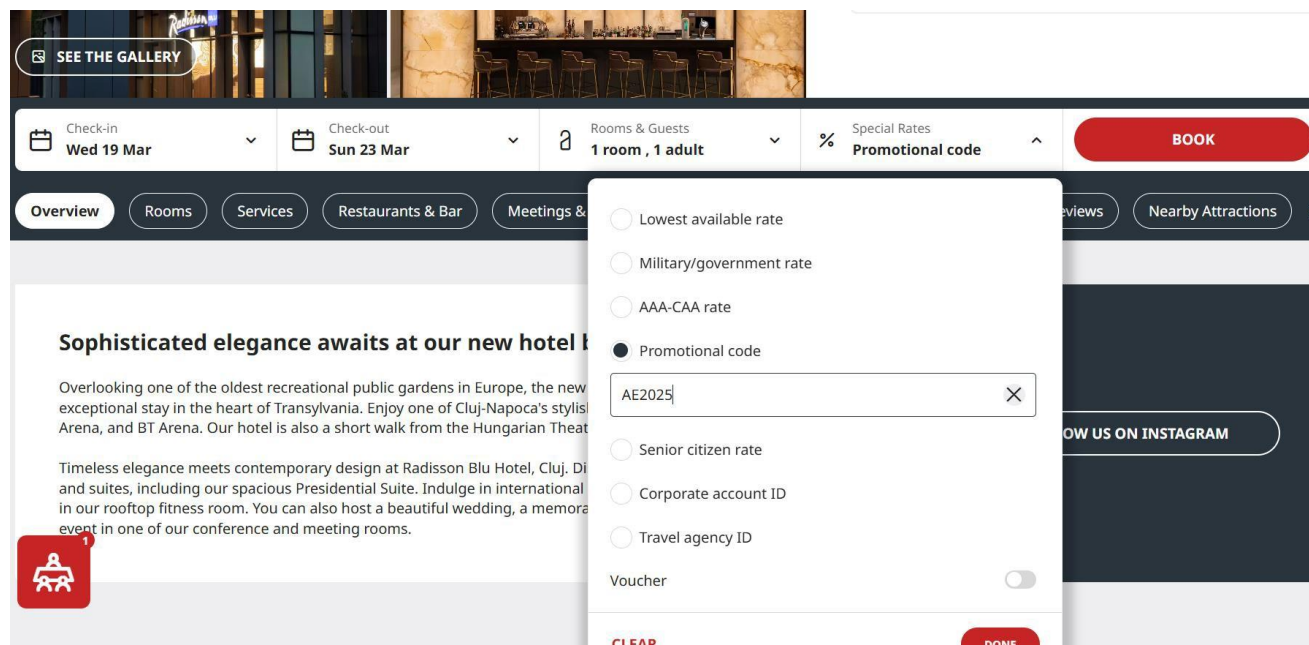
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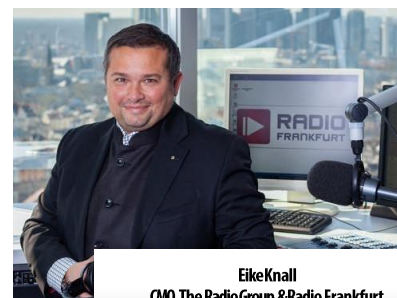
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The Aviation-Event, one of the leading events in the aviation industry, and the Economic Summit on Germany involving decision-makers from the world of business, politics, society and administration, are two events that are known well beyond the borders of Germany that were held in recent years.

Marcel Riwalsky, Managing Director of DA! GmbH,

holds a Master of Business Administration degree and Certificat d'Etudes Supérieures and has organized many high profile events in the past decade. As the initiator of Aviation-Event, he comes up with ideas for the event that goes by the same name as well as the concept for Aviation-Event Special. In the meantime, over 100 top speakers and discussion participants have been on stage in front of over 600 guests from politics and all sectors of business.

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Ph.D. Eng. David CICEO CEO, Cluj
International Airport



Aviation-Event once again reveals to the world the true Gateway to Transylvania!

Cluj International Airport, the main gateway to the north-western region of Romania, is proud to host the 4th edition of Aviation-Event. This prestigious gathering marks the fourth time Aviation-Event has chosen Cluj-Napoca, further solidifying the region's importance on the global aviation map.

Strategically located in one of the country's most dynamic economic areas, Cluj International Airport has become a benchmark for growth and innovation in the aviation sector. Over the past decade, the airport has consistently demonstrated its capacity to leverage the full potential of its catchment area, transforming itself into a key destination for both business and leisure travelers.

The journey of Cluj International Airport is one of ambition and vision. From serving 36,000 passengers annually in 1996 to exceeding 3.26 million passengers in 2024, this milestone is a testament to the airport's strategic investments in infrastructure and its commitment to delivering exceptional services. As a model of best practices, the airport is now regarded as a leading example in South-Eastern Europe for its forward-thinking approach and significant achievements.

Aviation-Event 2025 CLJ will be held in Cluj-Napoca, a city known as the "Heart of Transylvania," that highlights the region's unique combination of heritage and innovation. As a multicultural and academic hub, Cluj-Napoca is a vibrant city that plays a vital role in Romania's cultural, economic, and industrial landscape. It stands as the ideal location for high-level discussions and collaborations that will shape the future of aviation.

Cluj International Airport is honored to welcome aviation leaders and professionals to this landmark event, fostering an environment where ideas, experiences, and solutions come together to drive progress in the global aviation industry.