



RIGA AVIATION FORUM 2020, 9.-10. SEPTEMBER

09:00 – 09:10	KEYNOTE Talis Linkaits, Minister of Transport of Latvia
09:10 – 09:20	Conference address Martin Gauss, CEO, airBaltic
09:20 – 09:30	Economical and business consequences of Covid-19 on aviation in Latvia Arturs Kokars, CEO, Latvia Aviation Association
Infrastructure development workshop The Covid-19 crisis has had a significant impact on aviation infrastructure, slowing down its modernisation and expansion. Companies are being forced to cut their expenses and re-evaluate investment plans. However, there can be no flight growth without sustainable infrastructure. For this reason, the development of the Airport city concept in Riga Airport is still current, as well as the expansion of the terminal and construction of the railway station within the framework of the Rail Baltica project.	
09:30 – 09:45	Airport development at global look and operations in a new condition
09:45 – 10:00	Riga airport investments and development updates
10:00 – 10:15	Rail to air connectivity within Rail Baltica project
10:15 – 11:00	PANEL Q&A (Live)

Connectivity of aviation – new normal Not a single business plan or business continuity scenario could foresee the complete stoppage of aviation throughout Europe and around the world. Before we can discuss renewal of the sector, the big questions are: how many airlines and tourism operators will remain on the market, how will passenger habits change and what shape will new aviation health safety protection measures take? Likewise, it is crucial to restart tourism flows. The national airline airBaltic has received substantial investment support from the State as a result of which the Latvian aviation industry hopes to keep its leader position on the future Baltic aviation market, and achieve sustain stable growth in Lithuania and Estonia.	
11:00 – 11:15	Recovery plans for aviation in Europe
11:15 – 11:30	AirBaltic return to new-normal operations
11:30 – 11:45	Who and how airlines will survive in Europe?
11:45 – 12:30	PANEL Q&A (Live)

Aviation cargo & logistics workshop

To limit the spread of the virus, passenger air traffic was greatly reduced or halted in the first six months of 2020. Since practically half of all aviation cargo is carried via liners, aviation logistics chains that took years and years to create were disrupted almost immediately. Now is the time to evaluate how cargo airlines have operated during the crisis, and what the industry's prospects are given the decrease in global production and uncertain prospects for economic renewal.

E-commerce is still a hot topic of discussion. That is why special attention in this forum will be given to cargo handling within the context of Brexit and to the application of value added tax to shipments of all sorts in compliance with the new EU regulations that will come into force in 2021.

12:30 – 12:45	Role of Cargo airlines on crisis logistics
12:45 – 13:00	Aviation cargo development -global trends after the crisis
13:00 – 13:15	New regulations and Brexit impact on cargo procedures in Europe
13:15 – 14:00	PANEL Q&A (Live)

UAS commercial application workshop

A flying aircraft with an electric drive is no longer science fiction or a hobby project. UAS is steadily becoming a business area worth billions that will change the technical conditions of airspace use as well as introduce various new commercial services, starting with pizza deliveries and e-commerce shipments to complex monitoring and research works.

UAS is developing rapidly and at times that can lead to mistakes, which gives us the opportunity to learn and improve the performance of these systems. This is why special attention will be given to the analysis of various safety situations and conclusions which will create a basis for well-justified additions to legislative initiatives.

14:00 – 14:15	New trends for common use of airspace for UAS & aftermath of UAV Factory drone escape
14:15 – 14:30	Challenges for more extensive commercial use of UAS
14:30 – 14:45	Hardware and software trends of UAS
14:45 – 15:30	PANEL Q&A (Live)