



REGIONAL AIRPORTS CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

27-28 April 2026
Torino, Italy



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PROGRAMME

27 April 2026 - Monday

08:30 - 17:00	ACI EUROPE Regional Airports' Forum meeting
Invitation required, contact: julia.gawlicka@aci-europe.org	
Museo Nazionale del Risorgimento Italiano, Sala Codici	
12:00 - 21:30	Exhibition Setup & Delegate Registration
19:30 - 21:30	Welcome Reception
Museo Nazionale del Risorgimento Italiano, Aula della Camera Italiana	

28 April 2026 - Tuesday

08:30 - 09:00	Registration & Welcome Coffee
09:00 - 09:05	Official Opening by the Master of Ceremonies
09:05 - 09:15	Welcome from the Host & Chair of RAF
<i>Welcome</i> Andrea Andorno, CEO of host Torino Airport and Chair of the ACI EUROPE Regional Airports' Forum, is delighted to welcome you to the 17th edition of the Regional Airports Conference & Exhibition.	
09:15 - 09:30	Political Address
<i>Address</i> Our political address comes from Albert Cirio, President of the Regional Government of Piedmont. Albert is also Head of the Italian delegation to the Committee of the Regions in Brussels: giving him invaluable perspectives from both a regional, and pan-European, level. He will set the scene for RACE 2026 with a special address on the importance of regional air connectivity – enhanced with his keen knowledge of the high-level European political scenario.	
09:30 - 10:00	The State of the Regional Airport Industry
<i>Presentation</i> Director General of ACI EUROPE, Olivier Jankovec's renowned 'State of the Regional Airport Industry' address offers an exclusive analysis of the key challenges facing the regional airport industry. Geopolitics, shifting strategic priorities, economic viability, decarbonisation: the State of the Regional Airport Industry charts the way forward in turbulent skies. A must-not-miss for all attendees.	

10:00 – 10:50

The View from the Top – CEO Panel

Panel

In a rare opportunity to hear directly from the regional airport leaders shaping today's industry, explore the opportunities and challenges with perspectives straight from the top.

How are these leaders reshaping airport strategies around traffic and demand trends? How are they leading innovative approaches to enhance sustainability? What are the key investment opportunities – and greatest obstacles to unlocking revenue growth? How can regional airports strengthen their socioeconomic impact, and build partnerships that simultaneously unlock growth and build local support?

Discover the answers to these questions through strategic insights from leaders: an exclusive opportunity to hear Europe-wide CEO perspectives.

10:50 – 11:20

Networking & Coffee in the Exhibition Area

11:20 – 11:40

Fireside Chat with the European Commission on State Aid

Interview

State aid is a vital topic for regional airports. ACI EUROPE has long advocated for operating aid to Europe's regional airports to be extended to safeguard vital air connectivity. But what is the view of the European Commission? The 2027 deadline for phasing out State aid – currently under review – is fast approaching. This fireside chat will bring you the latest updates.

11:40 – 12:00

Fasten Your Seat Belt: The LCC Conversation

Interview

Every regional airport is aware of how Low-Cost Carriers have transformed air connectivity, transformed demand patterns, and redefined travel across the globe. But how do these airlines see the road ahead?

This session offers a unique opportunity to hear directly from the other side – from the airlines themselves. What drives their route strategies and capacity decisions? How are sustainability targets reshaping their work? Their perspective is essential to fully understanding the aviation ecosystem.

This discussion will provide you with invaluable airline insights on routes, capacity, cost pressures and competition. Gain direct insight into how airports can better align with LCC priorities, strengthen airport-airline partnerships, and find the recipe for success in an increasingly competitive market.

12:00 – 12:40

New Dynamics for Regional Players in Airline Marketing & Route Development

Panel

Regional airports are in a new market paradigm: the increasing buyer power of the airlines in Europe squeezes Europe's airports ever further as they strive for financial stability and resilience.

As a result, regional airports must evolve their approach to airline marketing and route development to stay ahead. How are regional airports confronting, and overcoming, this fraught reality – whilst ensuring the sustainability of their business and connectivity growth? Above all, how do they stay resilient despite the constant level of route openings and closures – the so-called route churn?

The answer to these important questions requires a pan-industry view. This panel brings together Ultra Low-Cost Carriers, regional travel and tourism representatives, and airport specialists to give you a picture of the market today – and how collaboration and business acumen dictate the rules.

12:40 – 13:00

Presentation: Farming Hydrogen with TULIPS at Torino Airport

Case Study Presentation

13:00 – 14:10

Networking Lunch

14:10 – 14:25

Presentation: Electrify at Maastricht Aachen Airport

Case Study Presentation

Discover how Maastricht Aachen Airport, winner of the ACI EUROPE Eco-Innovation Award 2025, is redefining regional air mobility with Electrify - Europe's first international electric flights open to the general public. Launched in the summer of 2024, Electrify connected Maastricht (NL), Liège (BE), and Aachen (DE) through a fully electric, cross-border travel experience combining zero-emission air and ground transport. Developed with FH Aachen, ASL Group, and NIO, the project demonstrated the real-world potential of electric air and ground transport. Join this session to explore how Maastricht Aachen Airport is expanding on this project to deliver the future of electric regional aviation.

14:25 – 15:25

Dragon's Den: Regional Airports x Innovation

Presentations

Regional airports are testbeds for the industry's innovations – and we'll prove it here.

Discover the hottest innovations driving the future of regional airports in this Dragon's Den style session. Each airport will have 10 minutes to present their initiatives and projects, from autonomous jet bridges to machine learning-powered capacity predictions.

Expect to leave buzzing with ideas – and convinced that innovation truly takes off at regional airports.

15:25 – 15:35

Presentation: AI-Powered Robotics for Safer, Smarter Airside Operations

Case Study Presentation

This session will present the implementation of an AI-powered robotic solution for foreign object debris (FOD) detection and removal at Florence Airport and Pisa Airport, delivered in collaboration with Toscana Aeroporti. Speakers will share practical insights from the deployment and discuss the wider potential of AI-driven robotics to enhance safety, scalability and sustainability in airport operations.

15:35 – 16:05

Networking & Coffee in the Exhibition

16:05 – 16:50

Non-Aero Revenue Generation Masterclass

Panel

Non-aeronautical revenue plays an increasingly important role in airports' revenue mix and supports their business transformation.

This masterclass will explore the key trends and strategies you need to know – from AI and the digitalisation of passenger experience, personalisation in all forms – and how grasping the reins of these trends will unlock valuable revenue streams beyond traditional passenger traffic. Learn how to cater to emerging traveller demographics, from the spending power of the 'silvers' to the digital expectations of Gen-Z.

Revitalise your own strategies with inspiration from industry success stories – including adapting product mixes to leisure passengers, developing cross working relationships with media and retailers, and developing a sense of place within your products.

Prepare for departure: your journey to mastering non-aeronautical revenue starts here.

16:50 – 17:00

Handover Ceremony

17:00 – 17:20

Wrap Up by Master of Ceremonies with Key Takeaways in Conversation with the Host CEO, Andrea Andorno

Interview

The perfect end to a day full of inspiration and innovation, Master of Ceremonies Ella Soltani (To70 Aviation) will summarise the key takeaways with Andrea Andorno, CEO of host Torino Airport and Chair of the ACI EUROPE Regional Airports' Forum.

18:30

Transfer to Gala Dinner

19:30 – 22:30

Gala Dinner



[The Reggia of Venaria](#)

29 April 2026 – Wednesday

10:30

Shuttle Bus departure from the hotel

11:00 – 12:30

Airport Tour

12:30

Shuttle Bus returns to the Hotel