

Conference

3rd Florence Aviation Regulation Conference

17 July 2026

Sala Europa - Villa Schifanoia, Via Boccaccio 121 - Florence

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Introduction

The 3rd Florence Aviation Regulation Conference aims to discuss current and future economic and regulatory policies relating to European air transport. The conference brings together academics, selected industry representatives, and policymakers. The scope of each year's conference is to find practical solutions through rigorous academic dialogue and constructive debate.

Programme

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9:00 – 9:10 Introduction
 Steven Truxal

09:10 – 10:45 **Plenary Session I: Platforms and markets**

- European Air Fares and Pricing Algorithms: Perspectives from the Italian AGCM's Fact-Finding Inquiry Report of 16 Dec. 2025

Presenter: **Mario Barbano** | University of Antwerp

Discussant: **Brian Pearce** | University College London

- Go high, get low: airline competition at the city and route level

Presenters: **Christiaan Behrens & Martin Adler** | SEO Amsterdam Economics

Discussant: **Brian Pearce** | University College London

- Aviation ticket distribution in transition: Platform intermediation, market power and the future of neutrality

Presenters: **Kelli Silver** | TIS – Consultores em Transportes Inovação e Sistemas

Discussant: **Juan Montero** | Florence School of Regulation – Transport Area, EUI

Chair: Steven Truxal | EUI and Leiden University

10:45 – 11:15 Coffee *break*

11:15 – 12:45 **Plenary Session II: ATM, AI and digitalisation**

- The EU AI Act – what does it mean for Aviation?

Presenter: **Marc Baumgartner** | Skyguide

Discussant: **Steven Truxal** | EUI and Leiden University

- Can the AI Act Fly? When EU AI Regulation Meets Aviation and U-Space as a Case Study

Presenter: **Öykü Kurtpınar** | International Institute of Air & Space Law, Leiden University

Discussant: **Andrea Trimarchi** | EUROCAE

- The role of standardisation in a digitalised European aviation industry: ATM as a case-study

Presenter: **Andrea Trimarchi** | EUROCAE

Discussant: **Marylin Bastin** | EUROCONTROL

Chair: Marilyn Bastin | EUROCONTROL

12:45 – 14:00 Lunch break

14.00 – 15:00 **Parallel session I: Airports**

- From Airports to Spaceports: Applying Economic Regulation Principles to Space Tourism

Presenters: **Mara Di Agostino** | ENAC

Discussant: **Steven Truxal** | EUI and Leiden University

- Does Common Ownership Matter in Multi-Airport Systems? Evidence from European Airfares

Presenter: **Javier Asensio** | UAB – Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

Discussant: **Christiaan Behrens** | SEO Amsterdam Economics

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14.00 – 15:00 **Parallel session II: Consumer protection**

- Multiple Delays One Solution: The Regulation of Multimodal Passenger Delay in the EU

Presenter: **Judith Jahnke** | Institute of Air & Space Law, McGill University

Discussant: **Juan Montero** | EUI

- Air Passenger Rights in Transition: Regulatory Shifts and Transport Policy Perspectives in the EU

Presenter: **Iva Savić** | University of Zagreb

Discussant: **Francesca Pellegrino** | University of Messina

Chair: Francesca Pellegrino | University of Messina

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 – 17:00 **Plenary Session III: Sustainability**

- Sustainable Aviation: Legal Frameworks and Regulatory Perspectives

Presenter: **Mariaguilia Previti** | University of Messina
Discussant: **Steven Truxal** | EUI and Leiden University

- Barriers and opportunities for Oil Crops Cultivated on Degraded Soils or as Intermediate Crops to Decarbonize the EU Aviation

Presenter: **Marco Buffi** | European Commission
Discussant: **Halil Çeçen** | **Nuh Naci Yazgan University**

- The Extraterritorial Effect of RefuelEU Aviation Regulation for Ramping Up the Use of Sustainable Aviation Fuels: Türkiye Case

Presenter: **Halil Çeçen** | **Nuh Naci Yazgan University**
Discussant: **Iva Savić** | University of Zagreb

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