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We are excited to announce the **6th Annual Airport Operations Summit**, that will take place on the **28-29 May 2026** in **Berlin, Germany**. This industry event will explore the latest innovations and trends in airport operations, focusing on improving efficiency, resilience, and sustainability across airside, landside, and terminal management. From autonomous baggage, cargo systems and cognitive Operations Control Centres to biometric passenger flow intelligence, hydrogen-powered ramp operations, and circular economy practices, the event will provide practical insights and solutions to help airports enhance daily performance and growth. Join us to connect with the industry, learn, network, get inspired and gain actionable strategies for shaping the airports of tomorrow.

Key Practical Learning Points

- Mastering Greenfield & Brownfield Operations to Build Flexible Capacity
- Optimizing ATC, ATM & Runway Utilization with NextGen/SESAR Systems
- Driving Operational Excellence with Airport Collaborative Decision Making (A-CDM)
- Enhancing Ground Handling Optimization with Robotics & Sensor-Driven Equipment
- Leveraging Predictive Maintenance to Improve Asset Reliability
- Modernizing Baggage Handling Systems (BHS) for End-to-End Efficiency
- Building Smart Airports with AI, Digital Twins & Data-Driven Control
- Reinventing Passenger Journeys with Self-Service Check-In, Bag Drop & Contactless Travel
- Strengthening Resilience & Emergency Management for Disruptive Events

Take a Look at a Previous Edition



Venue

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Who Should Attend

This summit will bring together CEOs, CTOs, CIOs, COOs, Directors, VPs, Heads, Managers and senior-level executives with expertise in:

- Airside, Terminal, & Landside Operations
- Airport Management Systems
- Design & Development
- Surface Access & Connectivity
- Airport Infrastructure
- Airport Security
- Ground Handling
- Master Planning
- Labor Management
- Flow Management
- Passenger Processes & Experience
- & Others!

Previous Attendees Include



08:30 Check-In and Welcome Coffee ☕

09:00 Opening Address from the Event Chair

09:10 “Breaking the Ice” Speed Networking Session

MASTERING AIRPORT OPERATIONS

09:40 AVAILABLE SPONSORSHIP SLOT



Airport Collaborative Decision Making: Coordinating Stakeholders in Real Time

- Creating a Shared Operational Picture: Integrating data from airlines, ATC, ground handlers, and terminal operations to ensure all parties work from the same real-time information.
- Enhancing Predictability and Flow Management: Using collaborative updates to reduce uncertainty, improve turnaround efficiency, and minimize delays.
- Streamlining Communications and Decision Loops: Replacing siloed processes with synchronized, time-critical communication that enables faster, more informed decisions.
- Building Trust and Accountability Across Partners: Establishing transparent KPIs, clearly defined roles, and structured coordination practices to strengthen long-term collaboration.

10:20 Case Study: 🔍

Greenfield & Brownfield: Building Operational Capacity from Design to Execution

- Translating operational demands into both long-term master planning and daily operational excellence
- Understand operational complexity and delivering effective design solutions for terminals and airfields
- Future trends in airport operations and capacity and their effects on design and execution

Tom Mockett
Director Global Aviation Strategy
NACO



11:00 Morning Coffee and Networking Break ☕

11:30 Case Study: 🔍

Resilience in Aviation: Preparing Airports for Disruption and Recovery

In an era marked by increasing disruptions - from extreme weather events and cyber threats to pandemics and geopolitical instability - resilience has become a critical imperative for airport operations. Airports are complex ecosystems that serve as vital nodes in global transportation and commerce. Ensuring their ability to anticipate, absorb, adapt to, and recover from adverse events is essential not only for passenger safety and operational continuity but also for economic stability and public confidence. This presentation explores the strategic importance of resilience in airport infrastructure, systems, and workforce, highlighting best practices and innovative approaches to building robust, responsive, and future-ready airport environments.

Ross Winn
Head of Operations
Heathrow AOC Limited



12:00 Case Study: 🔍

Enhancing Airport Connectivity Through Multi-Modal Transport Integration

Seamless airport connectivity is key to efficient travel and regional development. This session will explore how large-scale infrastructure projects—such as the development of new rail connections to airports—can transform accessibility, reduce congestion, and drive sustainable growth. Drawing on insights from major Swedish projects, including the ongoing construction of the new train line to Stockholm Skavsta Airport (the largest infrastructure investment in Sweden's history), we'll discuss practical lessons in planning, execution, and collaboration. The session will highlight how integrating rail, road, and other transport modes can enhance passenger experience, operational efficiency, and regional competitiveness.

Brett Weihart
Chief Executive Officer
Stockholm Skavsta Airport



12:30 Case Study: 🔍

Strengthening Airport Security Culture: Next-Generation Strategies for a Resilient Aviation Ecosystem

- Bridging Regulation and Operations: How to align national requirements with international standards while keeping airport processes efficient and passenger-focused.
- Security Culture in Action: Practical lessons learned from 30+ years in aviation security—building empowered teams, improving decision-making, and embedding accountability.
- Intelligence-Driven Risk Management: Using modern risk-assessment frameworks, quality control, and continuous auditing to anticipate and mitigate emerging threats.
- Future-Ready Aviation Security: Innovations, training approaches, and cross-stakeholder collaboration that will shape secure and seamless airport operations over the next decade.

Patrick Cuschieri
Vice President Aviation Security
Bahrain Airport Company



13:00 Business Lunch 🍽️

REIMAGINING AIRPORT CONTROL WITH EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

14:00 Case Study: 🔍

Pioneering the Future of Aviation Infrastructure

- Emerging from COVID and after the Kastrati Group's acquisition in 2021, Tirana International Airport (TIA) passengers' volumes have grown YTD 255% versus 2019 with an equally substantial growth in aircraft movements, projected to exceed 70,000 ATMs in 2026.
- Such an impetuous PAX/ATM growth has requested not only substantial adjustments to TIA airport operations, both passengers and aircraft, but also the design and implementation of a comprehensive CAPAX Plan, still in progress.
- With the aim of improving customer experience while coping with peak traffic days, the CAPEX Plan has involved all key airport features, from terminal floor space to security lanes, from expanded apron to revamped maneuvering area.
- The presentation aims to illustrate how more than 90Meuro has been deployed without major operational disruptions or major safety occurrences.

Piervittorio Farabbi
Chief Operating Officer & Accountable Manager
Tirana International Airport



14:40 Case Study: 🔍

Advancing Sustainability at BRU: Carbon Reduction, Noise Mitigation, and Environmental Management

This presentation explores Brussels Airport's comprehensive approach to sustainability, focusing on key initiatives to reduce carbon emissions, implement innovative noise mitigation strategies, and manage the natural habitat in and around the airport. Highlighting actionable projects, measurable outcomes, and stakeholder collaboration, it demonstrates how BRU is setting a benchmark for sustainable airport operations while addressing environmental and community concerns.

Thomas Romig
Chief operating officer
Brussels Airport



15:20 Afternoon Tea and Networking Break ☕

15:40 Case Study: 🔍

Designing Seamless Journeys: Operational Excellence at the Heart of Passenger Experience *

- End-to-End Flow Optimization: Streamlining touchpoints—from curb to gate—through coordinated terminal operations and proactive issue resolution.
- Human-Centered Service Delivery: Empowering frontline teams and enhancing service culture to ensure passengers feel guided, supported, and valued.
- Operational Integration Across Stakeholders: Strengthening collaboration between airlines, security, ground handlers, and retail partners to remove friction and maintain consistency.
- Using Real-Time Insights for Rapid Response: Leveraging live operational data to anticipate disruptions, managing queues dynamically, and upholding a smooth passenger journey.

Oktay Cetintas
Head of Passenger and Terminal Operations, Deputy COO
EuroAirport



16:20 PANEL DISCUSSION 🗣️

Harnessing Technology for Safer, Smarter & More Reliable Airports

This panel explores how digital innovation is strengthening airport safety, efficiency, and reliability. Experts will discuss the practical impact of AI, automation, and real-time operational data, sharing examples of how technology is streamlining workflows, reducing disruptions, and improving the passenger experience. Attendees will gain a clear view of the tools and strategies shaping the next generation of smarter, more connected airports.

17:00 Chair's Closing Remarks and End of Day One

18:00 Networking Dinner 🍷

* TBC

08:30 Check-In and Welcome Coffee ☕

09:00 Day Two Opening Remarks from the Chair

CREATING FLAWLESS PASSENGER EXPERIENCE

09:10 AVAILABLE SPONSORSHIP SLOT



Reinventing Airport Operations for a Smarter, Leaner, and More Adaptive Future

- Modular and Flexible Operational Design: How airports can build systems and processes that scale up or down quickly in response to shifting demand and global disruptions.
- Integrating Automation With Human Expertise: Leveraging robotics, AI, and autonomous systems while redefining the role and value of the human workforce.
- Resilient Infrastructure for an Uncertain Decade: Preparing terminals, airside operations, and digital platforms for climate risks, supply-chain challenges, and operational shocks.
- Interconnected Operations Ecosystems: Creating seamless data-sharing and coordinated decision-making across airlines, border agencies, security, ground handlers, and vendors.

09:50 Case Study: 🔍

Designing Passenger Experience for a New European Hub: How BER Is Redefining Flow, Autonomy & Operational Efficiency

As one of Europe's newest major airports, Berlin Brandenburg (BER) offers a unique opportunity to shape operations, passenger services and digital infrastructure without the legacy constraints facing older hubs. This session explores how BER is optimizing its terminal ecosystem, accelerating digitalisation, and deploying real-time passenger flow intelligence to reduce bottlenecks and elevate autonomy. From smart wayfinding, queue analytics and contactless processes to integrated operations control and multimodal landside connectivity, attendees will gain insight into how BER is positioning itself as a modern, resilient, and customer-centric European gateway.

István Szabó
Chief Operating Officer
Berlin Brandenburg Airport



10:30 Case Study: 🔍

Integrating ORAT & Smart Technologies to Deliver a Consistently Excellent Passenger Journey *

- ORAT as a Foundation for Passenger-Centric Operations: Ensuring new infrastructure, processes, and technologies are operationally sound before go-live to protect service quality.
- Holistic Process Mapping for Terminal Efficiency: Aligning operational workflows with digital systems to eliminate hidden bottlenecks across check-in, security, and boarding.
- Smart IT Ecosystems for Real-Time Transparency: Implementing interconnected platforms that give all stakeholders a unified view of passenger flow, facility status, and resource needs.
- Change Management for Sustainable Improvement: Embedding training, communication, and cross-functional readiness to ensure innovations translate into lasting passenger experience gains.

Herbert Michael Keffel
Head of Competence Center
Operations/ORAT & IT
Munich Airport



11:00 Morning Coffee and Networking Break ☕

11:30 Case Study: 🔍

The Airport CEO's Dilemma: Balancing Growth, Technology, and Humanity

- When automation meets human experience: choosing where tech should replace or augment staff.
- Managing growth while keeping staff engagement and culture intact.
- Ethical and societal responsibilities in airport development.
- Lessons learned from high-pressure decision-making at a CEO level.

Askin Demir
Chief Executive Officer
Blaise Diagne
International Airport



12:00 Case Study: 🔍

From Testbed to Tarmac: Scaling Airport Innovation Faster *

- Bridging the gap between pilots and operations: How to take successful technology trials—automation, AI, IoT—from controlled environments to live airport operations without disruption.
- Rapid deployment frameworks: Designing processes that reduce the time from proof-of-concept to full-scale implementation across terminals, airside, and landside operations.
- Stakeholder alignment and change management: Ensuring airlines, ground handlers, regulators, and staff adopt innovations quickly and consistently.
- Measuring impact and iterating at scale: Using real-time data to evaluate performance, fine-tune solutions, and drive continuous operational improvement.

Jens Reinhard
Managing Director
GATE



12:30 Case Study: 🔍

Self-Service Check-In & Bag Drop: Redefining Passenger Autonomy

- Empowering passengers through automation: How self-service check-in and bag-drop give travelers more control, reduce stress points, and support a seamless digital-to-physical journey.
- Operational gains for airports: The impact of automation on queue reduction, staffing optimization, and improved throughput during both peak and irregular operations.
- Designing systems that scale: Lessons from MAG on implementing flexible, modular self-service infrastructure that adapts to fluctuating demand and diverse airline requirements.
- Future-focused transformation: How data, biometrics, and integrated platforms will further elevate autonomy, resilience, and the overall passenger experience.

Matthew Selvey
Head of Operational Planning
MAG (Airports Group)



13:00 Business Lunch 🍽️

14:00 Case Study: 🔍

Retail & Concessions: Unlocking Commercial Potential and Non-Aero Revenue Growth

- Designing Passenger-Centric Retail Journeys: Using behavioral insights and terminal flow patterns to position offerings where they naturally attract attention and impulse purchases.
- Dynamic, Data-Informed Commercial Mix: Leveraging spending analytics, flight profiles, and demographic trends to curate the right blend of retail, F&B, and services.
- Experiential and Localized Concepts: Introducing sense-of-place retail, pop-ups, and interactive experiences that differentiate the airport and increase dwell-time value.
- Flexible Commercial Models for Rapid Adaptation: Implementing modular leasing, revenue-sharing structures, and digital storefronts to stay resilient amid shifting passenger behaviors.

Theodoros Sbiliris
Aviareps Greece Group Strategic Development
Director/Skyexpress Airlines, Chief of Airports
Heraklion International Airport



14:30 Case Study: 🔍

Why Airport Queue Accuracy Is Hard - and How to Go about Measuring

Why "99% accuracy" is misleading: Queue measurement isn't a single classification problem—errors show up differently in queue length, waiting time, or throughput and a single headline number can hide operationally critical failure modes.

A practical KPI framework for airports: We'll map the main KPIs (what they mean, when to use them, and how they relate), and show how to translate operational goals into measurable definitions. Ground truth is harder than it sounds: Real airport queues involve serpentine lines, late merges, pre-queues, lane switching, groups, and staff interventions—making "the correct answer" ambiguous unless you define it explicitly.

How to validate credibly: Learn approaches to accuracy assessment that focus on confidence bounds, stability, and edge cases—so performance claims align with service quality, not just a percentage.

Florian Eggenschwiler
Chief Product Officer
XOVIS



15:00 Case Study: 🔍

Managing Risk at the Speed of Aviation: Elevating Safety and Quality in Complex Airport Operations *

- Addressing emerging operational risks in high-traffic, multi-stakeholder airport environments
- Embedding safety and quality into operational decision-making, not just compliance
- Lessons learned from incident prevention, assurance, and continuous improvement
- Strengthening collaboration between operators, regulators, and service providers

Alpros Mohammad Hamzouq
Quality, Safety and Risk
MD Airport International Group



15:30 Chair's Closing Remarks and End of Summit

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