

Quality of life in airport regions, a challenge for Europe

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10:30 to 11:00	Registration and welcome coffee
11:00 to 11:15	<u>Welcome and opening remarks</u>
11:15 to 12:30	<p><u>The economic impact of airports for the regions</u> Hosting or neighbouring an international airport is not neutral for local authorities. At a macro scale, the airport is their gateway to the world, a key factor for the competitiveness of the region. At a smaller scale, the local authorities are in charge of managing the public transport systems to access the airport, they have to create or support the training centres required for their residents to benefit from the airport...</p> <p><i>Confirmed speakers for this workshop include political representative from a major airport region, member of the Committee of the Regions, as well as representatives from airline industry and a resident association.</i></p>
12:30 to 13:15	Lunch break
13:15 to 14:15	<p><u>Peripherality and insularity : when flying is the most efficient transport mode</u> For many, flying is still a luxury, from an environmental or economic perspective, but in some cases, that is also the most efficient way to reach the rest of the world. The Airport Package envisages a revision of the airport slot Regulation. What will be the impact on local communities? Why is securing an access to the world so key?</p> <p><i>Confirmed speakers for this workshop include political delegates from peripheral/ insular regions as well as representatives from airline industry.</i></p>
14:15 to 15:30	<p><u>Capacity: what is at stake?</u> "There is a capacity crunch in Europe" says the White Paper. The Single European Sky addresses the issue of the network capacity, and the airport package aims to create more capacity in the airports. From the regions perspective, there is indeed a capacity crunch in the busiest airports, but it also declines in terms of environmental capacity. What can the Airport Package bring to that?</p> <p><i>Confirmed speakers for this workshop include political delegates from regions, as well as officials from the Commission, from Eurocontrol, from airport industry.</i></p>
15:30 to 15:45	Break
15:45 to 16:45	<p><u>What does it mean to be a spatial planner around an airport?</u> The main tool that local authorities have to manage an airport is spatial planning, what does it mean in terms of interactions with the airport world? Are other tools available and useful? Is there anything that the airport package can bring?</p> <p><i>Confirmed speakers for this workshop include political delegates from regions, as well as officials from the Commission, from Eurocontrol, from airport industry.</i></p>
16:45 to 17:15	<u>Concluding remarks</u>