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Aviation-Event 2026 Germany

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Aviation Conference Frankfurt-Rhine-Main: Shaping the Future of Global Air Transport 3 February 2026 at House of Logistics and Mobility (HOLM)

Frankfurt am Main – The European Hub for Global Aviation

Frankfurt am Main (short: Frankfurt) is one of the world's leading aviation hubs and a key gateway to global connectivity.

Frankfurt Airport, Europe's busiest cargo hub with 1,497,561 tonnes of air freight in the first nine months of 2025, and one of the leading international passenger airports with 47,578,063 passengers in the same period, stands for aviation excellence. With direct connections to nearly 300 destinations worldwide, Frankfurt offers exceptional accessibility for industry leaders and professionals from all global regions.



Frankfurt Airport serves as a major intercontinental hub, enabling seamless travel for participants from Europe, Asia, the Americas, and beyond. Located in the heart of Europe, Frankfurt is an ideal meeting point for international business and aviation experts. The region hosts leading aviation companies, research institutions, and technology pioneers, making it a centre of innovation and sustainability in the aviation sector.

Building on this strong foundation, Aviation-Event, in cooperation with Frankfurt Business Development, presents Aviation-Event 2026 Germany (Luftverkehrsgipfel Deutschland). The event will take place on 3 February 2026 at HOLM (House of Logistics and Mobility) in Frankfurt.

As Germany's financial centre, Frankfurt combines economic strength with a dynamic business environment that fosters collaboration and growth. Beyond the event, the city offers a vibrant cultural scene, world-class dining, and impressive architecture ranging from historic landmarks to striking modern skyscrapers.

Navigating Change in a Transforming Global Aviation Landscape

The global aviation industry is undergoing profound transformation. Rising demand for sustainable air travel, rapid digitalisation, shifting geopolitical dynamics, and evolving passenger expectations are reshaping how airlines, airports, and service providers operate. At the same time, the sector faces significant challenges, including decarbonisation, supply-chain complexity, workforce development, and the need for resilient infrastructure.



Against this backdrop, Aviation-Event 2026 Germany brings together key stakeholders to discuss solutions, share best practices, and shape a more sustainable, innovative, and future-ready aviation ecosystem. Held in one of Europe's most influential aviation regions, the event provides a timely platform for global dialogue and strategic collaboration.



🕒 10:30 - REGISTRATIONS



Day Moderator:

José Ramon Bauza

Chairman Aviation and Tourism Forum

🕒 11:00 - GRAND OPENING SESSION

Is Europe Losing Competitiveness in Air Transport?

How can the State of Hesse maintain its global positioning?



Manfred Pentz

Minister for Federal and European Affairs, International Affairs and
Debureaucratization, State of Hesse

🕒 11:15 - GRAND OPENING SESSION

Keynote of German Federal Government



Stefan Schnorr

State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for Transport



🕒 11:30 - INTERNATIONAL NOONTIME MEDIA KICKOFF



Ivan Bassato

CAO, Rome Airports (FCO/CIA)



Marc Oedekoven

Managing Partner KIBIX Logistics,
Chairman Logistics Alliance Germany



David Carlisle

VP of Network Planning & Partnerships,
Condor



Mete Erna

COO, TAV Airport Holding Company



Moderator:

Marcel Riwalsky

CEO, Aviation-Event

🕒 12:15 - KICK OFF LUNCH



We are pleased to invite you to a delightful Lunch Buffet!

🕒 13:15 - THE RELEVANCE OF THE AVIATION INDUSTRY FOR FRANKFURT AM MAIN AS BUSINESS LOCATION



Stephanie Wüst

Deputy Mayor Department of Economy, Legal Affairs and Citymarketing

🕒 13:30 - AIRPORT TALKS

What's next for the Global Airport and Airline Model?



Julian Jäger

Joint CEO and COO, Vienna Airport (VIE)



Raoul Spanger

Co-CEO, Gebr. Heinemann



Laila Odina

CEO Riga Airport (RIX)



Jiri Pos

CEO Prague Airport (PRG)



Daniel Bircher

Managing Director,
Zurich Airport International



Alexander Laukenmann

Senior Executive Vice President Aviation,
Fraport AG

Moderator:



Miquel Ros

Aviation Journalist, AeroTime

🕒 14:35 - MODERATED TALK

Rising airport challenges, changing traveller expectations and how to deal with



Lucio Rossetto
Regional COO Europe,
Lagardère Travel Retail



Moderator:

Rüdiger Kiani-Kreß

Aviation & Defense, Journalist,
Wirtschaftswoche - Verlagsgruppe Handelsblatt



Lars Redeligx
CEO, Düsseldorf Airport



🕒 15:00 - COFFEE BREAK

🕒 15:30 - MODERATED INTERVIEW

Can European Airports & Airlines Compete on Uneven Ground ?



Matthew Jennings
Principal, Klein/Johnson Group



Moderator:

Raphael Meulders

Journalist, La Libre Belgique

🕒 16:10 - EUROPEAN TOP TALKS

How Do We Level the Playing Field in Europe?



Massimo Di Perna
CCO, Aeroitalia



Ian Malin
CCO, Wizz Air



Stephan Erler
Country Manager Germany, Easyjet



Catrin Mattson
Area Manager Nordic & Baltic, IATA



Moderator:
Luc Citrinot
Aviation & Business Travel Journalist,
Voyages d'Affaires



🕒 17:00 - INNOVATION TALKS

Can Innovation Cut Through Regulation?



Jürgen Krumtänger
Executive Director at PROLOGIS



Richard Maslen
Head of Analysis, CAPA – centre of aviation



Dietmar Schneider
Global Sales Director, ADB SAFEGATE



Thomas Jessberger
Managing Director, Sasse Aviation



Moderator:
Christoph Martin Madsen
Journalist, BongoPlanes

🕒 19:00 - VIP EVENING RECEPTION

Change of location to downtown Frankfurt – shuttle transfer will be available from 18:15



Destination:

Champions Bar & Restaurant, Marriott Hotel Frankfurt

📍 Hamburger Allee 2, 60486 Frankfurt am Main.

🕒 20:00 - EVENING KEYNOTE

What Political Will Does Aviation Need Now?



Peter Baumgartner
Former CEO Etihad Airways and
Chairman Bluearbre Ltd.



Marcel Pouchain Meyer
Head of Marketing & Communications,
DACH, Ryanair

🕒 20:20 - AWARD SESSION

Recognition of outstanding achievements across various areas of the aviation industry.

🕒 20:30 - CLOSING



David Ciceo
CEO, Cluj-Napoca Airport (CLJ)

🕒 20:45 - NETWORKING

22.30 Last Order - 23:00 End of Event



10:30 – Registration

11:00 – Grand Opening Session

*Topic: Is Europe Losing Competitiveness in Air Transport?
How can the State of Hesse maintain its global positioning?*
Opening by Manfred Pentz

11:15 – Grand Opening Session

Topic: Keynote of German Federal Government
Speaker: Stefan Schnorr

11:30 – International Noontime Media Kickoff

*Speakers: Ivan Bassato, David Carlisle, Mete Erna,
Marc Oedekoven*
Moderator: Marcel Riwalsky

12:15 – Kick Off Lunch

13:15 – Conference Opening

*Topic: The relevance of the aviation industry for
Frankfurt am Main as business location*
Speaker: Stephanie Wüst

13:30 – AIRPORT Talks

Topic: What's next for the Global Airport and Airline Model?
*Speakers: Alexander Laukenmann, Laila Odina, Jiri Pos,
Daniel Bircher, Julian Jäger, Raoul Spanger*
Moderator: Miquel Ros

14:35 – Moderated Talk

*Topic: Rising airport challenges, changing traveller
expectations and how to deal with*
Speakers: Lucio Rosetto, Lars Redeligx
Moderator: Rüdiger Kiani-Kreß

15:00 – Coffee Break

15:30 – Moderated Interview

*Topic: Can European Airports & Airlines Compete on
Uneven Ground?*
Speakers: Matthew Jennings
Moderator: Raphael Meulders

16:10 – European Top Talks

Topic: How Do We Level the Playing Field in Europe?
*Speakers: Catrin Mattson, Massimo Di Perna, Ian Malin,
Stephan Erler*
Moderator: Luc Citrinot.

17:00 – Innovation Talks

Topic: Can Innovation Cut Through Regulation?
*Speakers: Thomas Jessberger, Jürgen Krumtüngr,
Richard Maslen, Dietmar Schneider*
Moderator: Christoph Martin Madsen.

19:00 – VIP Evening Reception

Change of location to downtown Frankfurt

20:00 – Evening Keynote

Topic: What Political Will Does Aviation Need Now?
Speakers: Peter Baumgartner, Marcel Pouchain Meyer

20:20 – Award Session

20:30 – Closing

Speaker: David Ciceo.

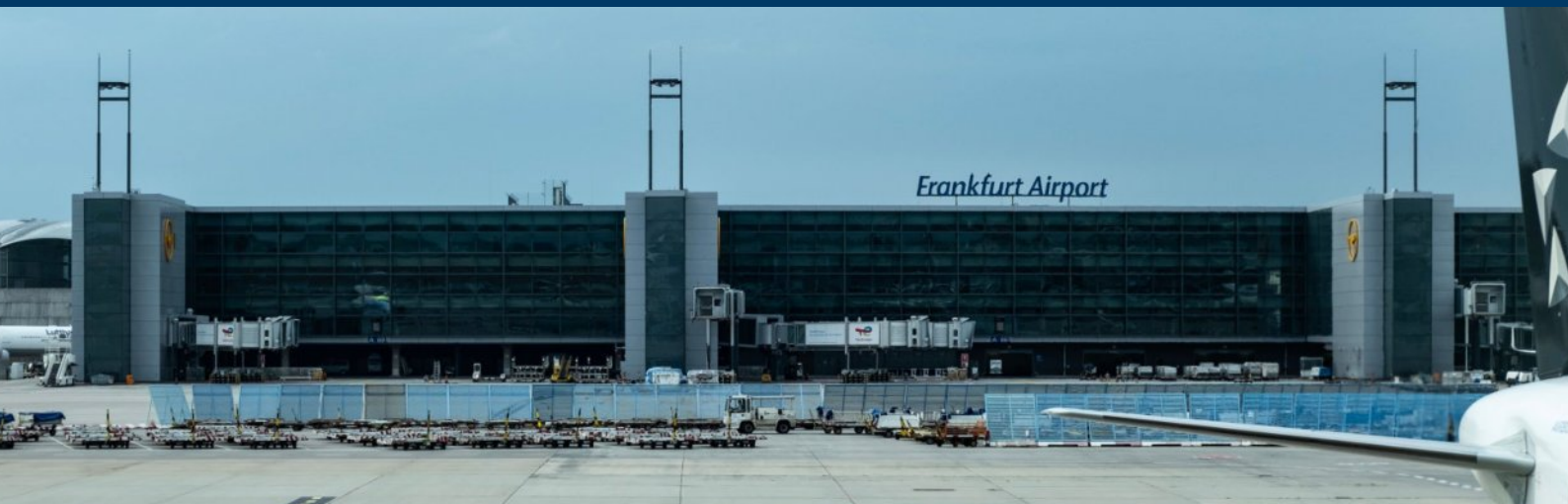
20:45 - NETWORKING

23:00 - End of Event



Location & Directions

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House of Logistics and Mobility (HOLM) is Germany's innovation hub for logistics and mobility.

The House of Logistics & Mobility (HOLM) is located directly at Frankfurt Airport and serves as an innovation hub for mobility, logistics, and future technologies. The venue combines modern architecture, excellent infrastructure, and outstanding accessibility – ideal for international events, conferences, and networking.

Shuttle-Service for delegates of Aviation-Event 2026 Germany (Luftverkehrsgipfel Deutschland) on 3 February 2026

Starting at 7:00 CET, a staff member from our shuttle service will be waiting at the meeting point in Terminal 1, holding a sign that reads "Aviation-Event 2026 Germany." (Please refer to the attachment for the meeting point.) From there, the driver will escort you to the vehicle.

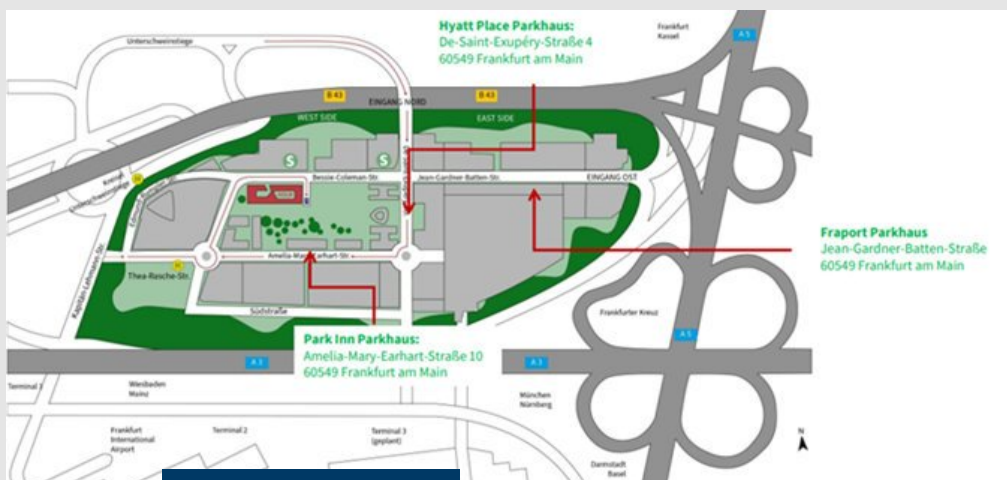
The shuttle service will operate continuously between Terminal 1 and HOLM. The driver will repeatedly pick up guests directly at the meeting point. The shuttle service will run in a loop from 7:00 CET to 13:00 CET. The vehicle provided will be a business van.



Route and parking spots

Address:
House of Logistics and Mobility (HOLM) GmbH
Bessie-Coleman-Straße 7, Gateway Gardens
60549 Frankfurt am Main, Germany

[Google Maps Link](#)



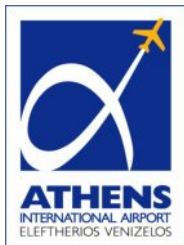
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The Aviation-Event, one of the leading events in the aviation industry, and the Economic Summit on Germany involving decision-makers from the worlds of business, politics, society and administration, are two events held in recent years that are known well beyond Germany's borders.



Marcel Riwalsky, Managing Director of DA! GmbH, holds a Master of Business Administration degree and a Certificat d'Études Supérieures. He has organised many high-profile events in the past decade. As the initiator of Aviation-Event, he comes up with ideas for the event as well as the concept for Aviation-Event Special. In the meantime, over 100 top speakers and discussion participants have been on stage in front of over 600 guests from politics and all sectors of business.

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To register, ask questions, make requests or suggestions, please call the main organiser of Aviation-Event:

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