



# **COP 26: Europe's aviation sector calls for wider adoption of decarbonisation objectives to be agreed at ICAO 2022 Assembly**

***Statement from Johan Lundgren, CEO of easyJet and Chairman of Airlines for Europe on behalf of Destination 2050 partners at COP26***

**Glasgow, 12 November 2021:** "In February this year, Europe's aviation industry set out a path for meaningful CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reductions by 2030 and by 2050. Our Destination 2050 roadmap – endorsed at the highest level by Europe's airlines, airports, aerospace manufacturers and air navigation service providers – has set out our decarbonisation commitments in clear terms: building on the Paris Agreement and the European Green Deal, it sees all flights within and departing the EU, UK and EFTA realising Net Zero CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 2050.

Our sector is by nature a global one, so we encourage others to follow suit. Alongside regional measures, a strong global framework should be established and put into action to enable aviation's decarbonisation to happen on a global scale and match our ambition in Europe.

Europe's air transport sector strongly supports and encourages the wider adoption of ambitious decarbonisation objectives and related long-term actions by all countries and regions, including those to be agreed at a global level at the next ICAO assembly in 2022."

**###ENDS###**

## **About Destination 2050**

Europe's aviation sector is collectively on board to lead the way in reducing aviation CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 2030 and 2050 - making flying more sustainable for the long term. In February 2021, Europe's airlines, airports, aerospace manufacturers and air navigation service providers laid out a joint long-term vision along with concrete solutions to the complex challenge of reaching Net Zero CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from all flights departing the EU, UK and EFTA by 2050. The independent report by the Royal Netherlands Aerospace Centre (NLR) and SEO Amsterdam Economics shows how a combination of actions from all stakeholders - including the EU and national governments - in four key areas could achieve substantial CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reductions in line with EU climate goals. These include: Improvements in aircraft and engine technologies (including hybrid, electric and hydrogen propulsion), using sustainable aviation fuels (SAFs) both for fixed- and rotary-wing platforms, implementing economic measures and improvements in air traffic management (ATM) and aircraft operations. For more information, visit <http://www.destination2050.eu/>



## Media contacts

### A4E

Jennifer Janzen  
Communications Director  
Email: [Jennifer.Janzen@a4e.eu](mailto:Jennifer.Janzen@a4e.eu)  
Phone: +32 499 82 82 94

### ACI EUROPE

Virginia Lee  
Director, Media & Communications  
Email: [virginia.lee@aci-europe.org](mailto:virginia.lee@aci-europe.org)  
Phone: +32 2 552 09 82

### ASD

Adrian Schmitz  
Communications Director  
Email: [adrian.schmitz@asd-europe.org](mailto:adrian.schmitz@asd-europe.org)  
Phone: +32 473 13 33 30

### CANSO

Johnny Pring  
Manager Europe Policy and Advocacy  
Email: [johnny.pring@canso.org](mailto:johnny.pring@canso.org)  
Phone: +32 493 53 61 24

### ERA

Paula Bangle  
General Manager Business Development & Communications  
Email: [paula.bangle@eraa.org](mailto:paula.bangle@eraa.org)  
Phone: +44 1276 485558

**Airlines for Europe (A4E)** - Launched in 2016, Airlines for Europe (A4E) is Europe's largest airline association, based in Brussels. The organisation advocates on behalf of its members to help shape EU aviation policy to the benefit of consumers, ensuring a continued safe and competitive air transport market. With more than 720 million passengers carried in 2019, A4E members account for more than 70 per cent of the continent's journeys, operating more than 3,000 aircraft and generating more than EUR 130 billion in annual turnover. Members with air cargo and mail activities transport more than 5 million tons of goods each year to more than 360 destinations either by freighters or passenger aircraft. Current members include Aegean, airBaltic, Air France-KLM Group, Cargolux, easyJet, Finnair, Icelandair, International Airlines Group (IAG), Jet2.com, Lufthansa Group, Norwegian, Ryanair Holdings, Smartwings, TAP Air Portugal, TUI and Volotea. Follow us on Twitter @A4Europe.

**ACI EUROPE (Airport Council International)** is the European region of Airports Council International (ACI), the only worldwide professional association of airport operators. ACI EUROPE represents over 500 airports in 55 countries. Our members facilitate over 90% of commercial air traffic in Europe. Air transport supports 13.5 million jobs, generating €886 billion in European economic activity (4.4% of GDP). In response to the Climate Emergency, in June 2019 our members committed to achieving Net Zero carbon emissions for operations under their control by 2050, without offsetting.

**ASD** is the voice of European Aeronautics, Space, Defence and Security Industries, actively promoting and supporting the competitive development of the sector by advocating common positions towards European Institutions and International organisations.

**CANSO – the Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation** – is the global voice of the air traffic management (ATM) industry and is shaping our future skies. Our members support over 90% of the world's air traffic and include air navigation service providers, airspace users and operators, manufacturers and aviation industry suppliers. We raise the bar on global ATM performance by connecting the industry to share knowledge, expertise and innovation. For more, visit [canso.org](http://canso.org).

Founded in 1980, **European Regions Airline Association (ERA)** is a non-profit trade association representing over 60 airlines and around 150 companies involved in European air transport and is the only association representing the entire spectrum of companies involved in European aviation. The association promotes the interests of European airlines by lobbying European regulatory bodies on policy matters, promoting the social and economic importance of air transport and its environmental commitments.