

Airlines for Europe (A4E) is Europe's largest airline association. Based in Brussels, A4E works with policymakers to ensure aviation policy continues to connect Europeans with the world in a safe, competitive and sustainable manner.



AIRLINES FOR EUROPE

## A4E in Numbers:



Passengers:

**771,16 M**



Aircraft:

**3,723**



Flights:

**8 M**

per year



Cargo:

**4 M tonnes**



Employees:

**374,014**



Destinations:

**2,783**

## Aviation's Economic Contribution:



Economic activity:

**€750 bn**



Investment in Sustainable Aviation Fuel:

**€14.8 bn\***



Investment in new aircraft and technology:

**€165 bn\***



Supported Jobs:

**12.2 M**



**4.1%**

\*By 2030



Airlines connect people, employ people, open horizons and opportunities for Europeans. Aviation is at the heart of the EU. It drives its economic growth, creates jobs throughout the continent, facilitates trade within the internal market and with the rest of the world.

Airlines help bring to life one of the cornerstones of European integration through the free movement of people and goods. But more work still needs to be done.

## Competitiveness:



- ✈ Airlines support Europe's economy and connectivity: every 10% increase in direct air connectivity leads to a 0.5% rise in GDP per capita and a 1.6% increase in jobs.
- ✈ A new study shows costs associated with legislative and similar regulatory measures have increased by €15 billion over the past decade
  - ➡ They could nearly double to €27 billion by 2030.
- ✈ Now is not the time for business as usual: We need an aviation strategy with competitiveness at its heart

## Energy transition:



- ✈ The cost of SAF must fall - it remains 3–5x more expensive than conventional fuel.
- ✈ It's crucial that the upcoming Sustainable Transport Investment Plan(Q3 2025) addresses this.
- ✈ We need extension of ETS SAF allowances and added flexibilities for RefuelEU.
- ✈ Support SAF facilities, enable risk-sharing, and secure access to feedstocks and renewables.

## Airspace Reform:



- ✈ Europe's airspace is broken and is creating record disruption - delays up nearly 50% Summer 2024.
- ✈ Long-awaited reform could boost efficiency and deliver up to 10% immediate emissions reductions.

## Passenger Rights:



- ✈ The current framework under Regulation 261/2004 is complex and unclear for airlines and passengers alike.
- ✈ We need a clear, fair and balanced revision of the regulation for passengers and airlines.

