

THE EUROPEAN AVIATION CLUB

Friday December 7, 2018

Brussels, the European Economic and Social Committee *

*** At the kind invitation of Mr. Jacek KRAWCZYK - President of the Employers' Group.**

“The likely impact of Brexit on aviation.”

With just over 100 days to go to the end of March 2019, when the UK is scheduled to leave the EU, the details of the future relationship between the EU and the UK remain uncertain. The proposed “Withdrawal Agreement” is to be debated by the UK Parliament on 11 December, but current indications are that it is unlikely to be approved, making the prospect of a no-deal outcome quite likely. Airlines and others have to plan for the - now not too distant- future. Hence, despite the great uncertainty, an examination of the current position, likely outcomes and practical consequences is timely, and will be the subject of this EAC conference.

Program

10.00 - 10.15

Welcome by Prof. Mia Wouters on behalf of the EAC.

Prof. Dr. Pablo Mendes de Leon, Director, International Institute of Air and Space Law, Leiden University.

Introduction to the conference by of the chairman of the day.

10.15 – 10.35

Professor Jan Wouters; Jean Monnet Chair and Full Professor of International Law, Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies – Institute for International Law, KU Leuven.

“Brexit Revisited: Institutional and Legal Dimensions.”

10.35 – 10.50

Mr. Jacek Krawczyk, President of the Employers' Group, The European Economic and Social Committee – EESC, our host.

10.50 – 11.00

Mr. Loïc LESPAGNOL, Manager – Member External Relations, IATA.

“Brexit Impacts on Airlines Doing Business (1)”. The Industry Affairs Committee of IATA commissioned a study to better understand the consequences on a day-to-day operations for airlines flying between the UK and other countries in a post-Brexit environment. Loïc will explain why IATA perceived there was a need for this study.

11.00 – 11.25

Mr. Chris KNATT, Principal Consultant, Taylor Airey Limited.

“Brexit Impacts on Airlines Doing Business (2)”. The presentation will provide a summary of the key findings from the report “A study of the effects of the United Kingdom leaving the European Union on airlines flying to and from the UK” recently prepared for IATA.

11.25 – 11.40

Mr. Morgan Foulkes, Deputy Director General, ACI.

“The airport angle”. The impact on airports is largely dependent on market access; different scenarios will be considered.

11.40 – 12.00 **Mr. David Kendrick**, Head - Airline Licensing & Consumer Issues, Civil Aviation Authority, UK.

"A view from the UK CAA".

12.00 – 12.30 Time for Q&A

12.30 – 13.15 Networking aperitif

13.15 – 14.00 **LUNCH** in the EESC canteen at delegates' own expenses

14.00 – 14.15 **Ms. Laura Pierallini**, Named Parter, Studio Pierallini.

"Brexit: A practical and horizontal approach."

A discussion on the practical aspects of the UK leaving from the point of view of an EU Member State. What will happen with regards to EASA, the licensing and certificates, maintenance, pilots etc..

14.15 – 14.30 **Mr. Gael POGET**, Head of International Affairs, Genève Aéroport.

"Switzerland – European Union: a bilateral challenging relationship."

14.30 – 14.45 **Ms. Chloe Challinor**, Senior Associate, Stephenson Harwood LLP, UK.

"Impact of Brexit on the low cost carrier model." This presentation will look at the various regulatory changes brought in by Brexit that will add complexity to airline operations for UK airlines / airlines with a substantial UK operation.

14.45 – 15.00 **Mr. Athar HUSAIN KHAN**, Secretary General, European Business Aviation Association.

"How to ensure business connectivity after Brexit?"

15.00 – 15.30 **Pros and Cons for Britain. Isolation or freedom?**

Debate with:

Mr. Trevor SOAMES, Partner, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP.

Mr. Hugh O' DONOVAN, Barrister, Keystone Law.

15.30 – 16.00 Time for further Q&A and discussions.

16.00 **Conclusions and possible ways forward.**

Prof. Dr. Pablo Mendes de Leon.