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Prague ready to welcome 500+ European airport leaders for the 36th ACI EUROPE Annual Congress & General Assembly

22 June 2026, Prague: Leaders of the European airport industry are gathering in Prague, Czechia today for the 2026 ACI EUROPE Annual Congress & General Assembly, the leading gathering of European airport executives and aviation stakeholders.

The association's flagship event, which runs from 22-24 June, is hosted by Prague Airport, Czechia's largest and busiest airport.

As C-suite airport executives, policymakers, business partners, analysts, and aviation institutional stakeholders touch down in the Czech capital city tonight, the stage is set for three days of vital dialogue, networking and exchange.

Highlights include:

- Keynote address by the Czech Republic's Minister of Regional Development, Zuzana Mrázová, on the role of aviation in bolstering the travel and tourism sectors
- Cornerstone "State of the Industry" address by ACI EUROPE's Director General, Olivier Jankovec, unveiling the latest traffic trends, market outlook and strategic industry analysis
- Political debate with top transport official from the European Commission, Magda Kopczyńska and ACI EUROPE's President and CEO of Fraport AG, Stefan Schulte
- Cutting-edge conference program featuring over 50 speakers

The Czech Republic's Minister of Regional Development, Zuzana Mrázová said: *"The Czech Republic is delighted to welcome Europe's airport community to Prague. Air connectivity remains a vital driver of tourism, trade and economic development, helping to connect people, businesses and destinations across our continent and beyond. As demand for travel continues to grow, close cooperation between governments, airports and industry partners will be essential to ensuring aviation remains sustainable, competitive and resilient. I wish all participants a productive and inspiring Congress."*

Jiří Pos, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Prague Airport said: "We are proud to host ACI EUROPE's Annual Congress here in Prague, Czechia, in the heart of Europe. At a time when our industry is facing several major challenges, from sustainability and capacity to innovation and resilience, as well as the current geopolitical situation, open dialogue and collaboration have never been more important. I look very much forward to welcoming esteemed delegates to our historic city for this globally recognised event, bringing together leading voices of our industry."

Olivier Jankovec, ACI EUROPE Director General said: "Europe's airports are operating in an increasingly complex environment shaped by geopolitical uncertainty, structurally changed market dynamics, sustainability imperatives and growing pressure on infrastructure capacity. Against this backdrop, the ACI EUROPE Annual Congress & General Assembly provides a unique opportunity for industry leaders and policymakers to come together, share perspectives and shape a common vision for the future of aviation. We are grateful to Prague Airport for hosting this year's event and look forward to three days of meaningful discussions that will help define the next chapter for our industry. Over the coming days, we will be sharing our latest assessment of market performance and outlook, highlighting both the remarkable resilience of European aviation and the challenges that must be addressed to safeguard connectivity, boost competitiveness and deliver on sustainability in the years ahead."

The 36th ACI EUROPE Annual Congress and General Assembly will also comprise the Awards Ceremony for the 2026 ACI EUROPE Best Airport Awards, recognising and celebrating excellence in airport management across a range of areas, including environmental performance, leadership & HR, digital transformation.

Find out more about the event: [ACI EUROPE – Annual Congress & General Assembly](#).

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