



# Virginia Lee appointed Director of Media & Communications at ACI EUROPE

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**Brussels, 16 December 2019** – ACI EUROPE, the trade association for Europe's airports - is pleased to announce the appointment of Virginia Lee as its new Director of Media & Communications, with immediate effect.

Virginia joins ACI EUROPE from Cable Europe, where she held the post of Director of Communications for over five years. Prior to this role, Virginia's experience encompasses the regulatory, trade association, public and private sectors including Discovery Communications, Granada Media Group and the UK media regulator OFCOM. Virginia is succeeding Robert O'Meara, who left ACI EUROPE last October after a stellar track record of 11 years in the job.

**Olivier Jankovec, Director General ACI EUROPE**, said of the appointment: *"I am delighted to welcome Virginia to our team. She brings us a wealth of experience in communications – having worked in other fast evolving network industries undergoing structural transformations and also faced with significant policy & regulatory challenges. I have no doubt Virginia will take the airport industry's public outreach and visibility to the next level and I very much look forward to working closely with her."*

**Virginia** commented *"It's an exciting moment to be joining an industry in the midst of immense change, bringing both challenges and opportunities. In an increasingly digitised world, fixed infrastructure remains the backbone of economic and societal transformation. ACI EUROPE is combining this with an ambitious sustainability agenda at its core. I'm delighted to be playing a part in communicating the importance of this industry moving forwards."*

Virginia is a British national and a graduate of Oxford University.

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*ACI EUROPE is the European region of Airports Council International (ACI), the only worldwide professional association of airport operators. ACI EUROPE represents over **500 airports** in 45 European countries. Our members facilitate over 90% of commercial air traffic in Europe: **2.3 billion passengers, 21.2 million tonnes of freight** and **25.7 million aircraft movements** in 2018. In response to the Climate Emergency, in June 2019 our members committed to achieve **NetZero** carbon emissions for operations under their control **by 2050**, without offsetting.*

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