

Speakers get ready for the Great Debate at the European Aviation Conference 2013: Airport Competition: A Myth or the End of Regulation?

Only two weeks to go until the Great Debate on airport price regulation at the University of St Gallen on Thursday November 14th!

The speakers are getting ready and it is shaping up to be an exciting clash of ideas.

Harry Bush – former UK aviation regulator – will make the case for a market-based approach to airports. Mike Tretheway – a leading aviation consultant – will take a more sceptical view of competition and stress that the type of regulation is also crucial.

Barry Humphries, drawing on his UK experience of airport regulation as Chairman of the British Air Transport Association, adds:

“Care needs to be taken to ensure that airports which still clearly possess market power are not able to abuse that power to the detriment of their customers. Note also needs to be taken of the ability of airports to ‘play the system’, exploiting their considerable resources to achieve favourable settlements. UK experience suggests that price cap regulation when applied to airports is imperfect, but better than the alternatives.”

Cathal Guiomard, the Aviation Regulator for Ireland, says:

“For decades, there has been fierce debate over whether airport users need the protection of price regulation or if instead they could rely on competition between airports to constrain aeronautical charges. November’s European Aviation Conference – and in particular the extended format of the Great Debate – will allow us all to see if there is any common ground between the two sides.”

Supporting Harry will be: Guillaume Burghouwt (SEO) , Rafael Echevarne (ACI Director of Economics Montreal), Kyran Hanks (Vice President Strategy Gatwick Airport), Martin Hvidt Thelle (Director at Copenhagen Economics).

Speaking on Mike's side will be: Ken Button (George Mason University), Peter Forsyth (Monash University Melbourne), Hans-Martin Niemeier, (Hochschule Bremen) and Dr. Vic Prins (Director of Aviation for Royal Haskoning DHV in the Netherlands).

The Great Debate will be followed by the remaining sessions of the 2013 European Aviation Conference, devoted to different aspects of risks currently faced by the aviation industry.

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