

# BRUSSELS CONTRAILS CONFERENCE

19-20 Oct 2026 · BIP Meeting Centre



BLUE — LINES

## Preliminary agenda

### Day 1: Policy day

**Date:** 19 October

**Time:** 10:30 – 19:00

**Venue:** BIP (Rue Royale 2-4, 1000 Brussels, Belgium )

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#### 10:00 – 10:30 | Registration & Welcome Coffee

Participants arrive, networking over coffee.

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#### 10:30 – 11:15 | Opening Keynotes: Setting the Political and Strategic Context

Speakers:

- Video message - Mr Wopke Hoekstra, Commissioner for Climate, Net-Zero and Clean Growth (tbc)
- Mr Antony Froggatt, Senior Director for Aviation, Shipping and Energy, T&E

#### Description:

This opening session will frame the need of tackling aviation's non-CO<sub>2</sub> impacts within the EU's climate strategy. Speakers will outline the role of contrail mitigation in achieving climate

neutrality, the policy momentum at EU level, and the need for coordinated action across stakeholders.

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**11:15 – 11:35 | Science Crash course: Understanding Contrails and their climate impacts**

**Speakers (tbc):**

- Mr Audran Borella, CTO & Co-funder, Klimaconsulting

**Description:**

This session presents in a short and easily digestible way the latest scientific understanding of contrail formation, their climate impact, and key uncertainties.

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**11:35 – 11:45 | Presentation: T&E Non-CO<sub>2</sub> Policy Roadmap**

**Speakers :** Ms Krisztina Hencz (T&E)

**Description:**

Presentation of Transport & Environment's roadmap for integrating non-CO<sub>2</sub> effects into EU policy, including regulatory options, timelines, and key recommendations for scaling contrail mitigation.

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**11:45 – 12:15 | Coffee break**

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**12:15 – 13:15 | Session 1: High-Level Policy Roundtable - Discussion on the potential integration of aviation non-CO<sub>2</sub> emissions to the EU's climate and aviation policy framework**

**Format:** Moderated roundtable followed by a Q&A

**Speakers:**

- Ms Polona Gregorin, Head of Unit, DG CLIMA
- Ms Ourania Georgoutsakou, President, Airlines for Europe
- Mr Nikita Pavlenko, Director Fuels and Aviation Programme, ICCT
- Mr Philip Mattei, Environment expert, Airbus

**Moderator :** Mr Ian Johnston , EU correspondent, Financial Times

**Description:**

This roundtable will explore how aviation non-CO<sub>2</sub> impacts could potentially be reflected in the EU's climate and aviation policy framework, and what this might mean for future policy development.

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**13:15 – 14:30 | Lunch Break**

Buffet lunch and networking.

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**14:30 – 15:30 | Session 2: Panel discussion with regulators, airlines and solution providers on the ATM aspects of contrail avoidance**

**Format:** Moderated roundtable followed by a Q&A

**Speakers :**

- Ms Marylin Bastien, Head of Aviation Sustainability, Eurocontrol
- Mr Enrico Parini, Director Europe, CANSO
- Mr Maxime Meijers, CEO, Estuaire
- Mr Maarten Tielrooij, Senior Aviation Consultant, To70

Moderator: Mr Vincent de Haes, Senior Policy Manager, T&E

**Description:**

This session will bring together key stakeholders to examine how air traffic management can enable contrail avoidance, the key bottlenecks to scaling it up, and the respective roles and responsibilities across the ecosystem.

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**15:30 – 16:00 | Coffee Break**

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**16:00 – 17:00 | Session 3: Panel discussion with policy makers on how to regulate/incentivize contrail avoidance**

**Format:** Moderated roundtable followed by a Q&A

**Speakers:**

- Mr Vincent Etchebehere, Vice President Sustainability and New Mobilities, AFR
- Mr Raimund Zopp, Director Innovation, Flightkeyes
- Lendina Smaja, Policy Officer, DG MOVE, SES Unit
- Guillaume Lapeyronnie, AVS Innovation Director, Thales

Moderator - Eoghain Mitchinson, Director of External Strategy, Contrails.org

**Description:**

This session will bring together key stakeholders for a solution-oriented dialogue on how smart regulation, market incentives, and operational standards can make contrail avoidance

mainstream in aviation—reducing climate impact without compromising safety and while securing industry buy-in.

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### **17:00 – 17:15 | Closing Remarks**

**Speaker (tbc):**

Mr Antony Froggatt, Senior Director for Aviation, Shipping and Energy, T&E

**Description:**

Summary of key takeaways, next steps, and call to action for stakeholders.

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### **17:30 – 19:00 | Networking Reception**

Drinks and informal discussions to conclude the event.

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## **Day 2: From Science to Operations**

**Date:** 20 October

**Time:** 8:30 – 17:00

**Venue:** BIP (Rue Royale 2-4, 1000 Brussels, Belgium )

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### **08:30 – 09:00 | Registration & Welcome Coffee**

Participants arrive, networking over coffee.

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### **09:00 – 09:20 | Welcome & Why Now**

Strategic framing: why contrails now, why this conference day

**Speakers:**

- Blue Lines
  - Green Transition Denmark
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### **09:20 – 10:00 | State of the Science**

**Format:** Presentation

**Speaker:**

- Marc Stettler - Imperial College London/Contrails.org

**Description:**

- Science update with focus on operational relevance
- What has changed in the past 18 months

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**10:00 – 10:25 | MUAC - Airspace Trial Over Brussels**

**Format:** Presentation + Q&A

**Speakers:**

- Anja Diesing, MUAC
- Rüdiger Erhmanntraue, MUAC

**Description:**

The first live contrail avoidance trial was conducted by MUAC in 2021, in 2026 they concluded their second trial over Brussels, Here they will present fresh results.

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**10:25 – 11:15 | Operation Blue Skies - Ambitious New Airspace-Wide Trial Over the North Atlantic**

**Format:** Presentations and discussions + Q&A

**Speakers:**

- Sian Andrews, NATS
- Jessie Smith, Cambridge
- Kemal Armada, Google
- TBC

Moderated by Adam Morton, ATI

**Description:**

“Operation Blue Skies” is aiming to minimize contrail warming created over the Shanwick airspace over the North Atlantic by redirecting hundreds of flights beginning this winter. What are the ambitions, the methods, the hard questions and the hopes?

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**11:15 – 11:45 | Coffee Break**

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**11:45 – 12:45 | Uncertainties - How Do We Deal with Them?**

**Format:** Panel discussion + presentations

**Speakers:**

- Marc Shapiro, Contrails.org
- Carlos López de la Osa García, T&E
- TBC
- TBC

Moderator: TBC

**Description:**

The contrail prediction models are imperfect, and we are not sure exactly how much each contrail warms the planet. So should we stop all contrail mitigation action now, or are there ways to deal with the uncertainties? What happens if we don't do anything?

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**12:45 – 13:45 | Lunch**

Fuel & Networking

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**13:45 – 14:30 | Rolling Out Airline Contrail Avoidance Trials**

**Format:** Presentations and discussions + Q&A

**Speakers:**

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Moderator: Joachim Majholm, Blue Lines

**Description:**

Meet airline representatives and their tech partners, discussing how to engage in contrail avoidance trials

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**14:30 – 14:55 | Roadmap to Implementation**

**Format:** Presentation

**Speakers:**

- AIA

**Description:**

The Aviation Impact Accelerator brings the newest results from recent stakeholder meetings and presents what is needed to implement a fully operational contrail avoidance system.

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**14:55 – 15:30 | Coffee Break**

Break & Networking

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**15:30 – 16:00 | TBC****Format:****Speakers:****Description:**

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**16:00 – 16:50 | What does Contrail Mitigation Really Cost?**

**Format:** Panel debate + presentations

**Speakers:**

- Marc Shapiro, [Contrails.org](https://contrails.org)
- TBC
- TBC
- TBC

Moderator: Vincent de Haes, T&E

**Description:**

Moderated debate:

- What does it really cost in fuel, man power, software, etc.
- Competitive concerns
- Are the proposed incentives enough to act

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**16:50 – 17:00 | Closing Remarks**

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