



2023 Annual Report
by the Director General of Hermes - Air Transport Organisation
to the 2023 Hermes AGM
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Dear Friends, dear Hermes members,

I would like to present the annual report for 2023.

Over the last year a series of activities and events took place.

During the IATA AGM held in Doha on Sunday 19 June Hermes hosted a reception sponsored by A4A with the participation of numerous members of Hermes and leaders of aviation.

In preparation of the participation of Hermes in the 41st ICAO Assembly last September I had the opportunity to meet with Mr Juan Carlos Salazar, Secretary General of ICAO and Hermes member.

On the occasion of the Airport Service Association (ASA) Leadership Forum held in Athens (5-7 September) leaders of aviation had the opportunity to meet and discuss the future of air transportation.

In the meeting participated Luis Felipe de Oliveira, Director General of ACI World, Fabio Gamba, Director General of ASA, Dr Kostas Iatrou, Director General of Hermes – Air Transport Organisation, Mehmet Nane, Chair of the Board of Directors of IATA and Glyn Hughes, Director General of TIACA.

At the eve of the 41st ICAO Assembly Hermes hosted in ICAO Headquarters a reception with the presence of the leaders of air transport and numerous ICAO Council members.

During the reception Salvatore Sciacchitano, President of the Council of ICAO and Juan Carlos Salazar, Secretary General of ICAO received the Decade Air Transport Award for their contribution to aviation.

Hermes participated for the second time as an observer in the 41st ICAO Assembly (27 Sep – 7 Oct) held in Montreal. Dr Kostas Iatrou, Director General (Chief Observer) and Angela Gittens, President represented the organisation.

Hermes presented two information papers based on our recommendations:

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In the same time, I had a series of meetings with key stakeholders -including ICAO, ACI World, ACAO, LACAC, AFCAC, – and I presented the work of Hermes.

Hermes hosted a reception at the 2022 ACI WAGA held in Marrakech on Monday 23rd October kindly sponsored by iGA Istanbul Airport.

Hermes – Air Transport Organisation participated in the 55th AACO AGM that was held in Abu Dhabi on Tuesday 25th October

Eamonn Brennan, VP of Hermes & Director General of EUROCONTROL and Henrik Hololei, Hermes Board Member of Hermes & Director-General for Mobility and Transport of the European Commission participated in the CEO panel.

A Declaration to lay down the foundation for the launch of a new collaboration mechanism under a form of a High-Level Organization was signed at the International Aviation Summit: The future of air transport, held on Thursday 8 December 2022 in Ekali, Greece. This declaration seeks to ensure the global coordination and facilitate decision-making processes for the top level of aviation leading organisations

Leaders committed to work together in order to establish the International Aviation Forum.

The declaration was signed by the top leaders of the aviation industry.

Fabio Gamba, Director General of ASA; Simon Hocquard, Director General of CANSO; Dr Kostas Iatrou, Director General of Hermes Air Transport Organisation; Mehmet Nane, Chair of the Board of Governors at IATA and Glyn Hughes, Director General of TIACA agreed that:

- International aviation is a critical component of a modern global economy and community, connecting people and things to people and places. It supports millions of jobs and transports over 35% of international trade by value.
- In order for commercial aviation to be efficient and effective, a collaborative environment between governments, regulators and industry is imperative to establish smart regulations, supportive economic regimes and robust facilitation processes.
- All signing parties are committed to working together to establish the International Aviation Forum, an international collaborative forum that will represent all industry sectors and will speak with a unified voice on matters of common interest.

In the same event in recognition of their dedication and commitment to international civil aviation and their outstanding support for the civil aviation of the Republic of Kazakhstan to increase its visibility and adherence to the highest international aviation standards, me & Mehmet Nane, received from the Minister of Industry and Infrastructure Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Kairbek Uskenbayev a Letter of Gratitude.

The Letter of Gratitude was delivered to us from the Director General of Aviation Administration of Kazakhstan, Catalin Radu and Hermes member.

In December 12th I had the honour to moderate the CEOs Roundtable Discussion at the 54th AFRAA Annual General Assembly & Summit in Dakar. I would like to thank our member Abderahmane and SG of AFRAA. The theme of the panel was: “Reconciling airline strategies for sustainability of the air transport industry in Africa”.

Our President, Angela Gittens received in Athens on Wednesday 22 February from the Director of Communications & Marketing, Athens International Airport and Hermes member, the inaugural “You’re and AΘenian, too!” Award.

Hermes celebrated its 10th anniversary on Sunday 19 March in the same place that was established, Hotel Bonaventure in Montreal.

The celebration took place during the 2023 Air Transport Symposium and the 2023 Air Transport Awards ceremony.

Angela Gittens, President and myself had also the opportunity to meet and discuss the future of air transportation. In the meeting participated Salvatore Sciacchitano, President of the Council of ICAO, Fabio Gamba, Director General of ASA, Angela Gittens & Dr Kostas Iatrou, Director General of Hermes – Air Transport Organisation, Mehmet Nane, Chair of the Board of Directors of IATA and Glyn Hughes, Director General of TIACA.

Mehmet Nane, Chair, Board of Governors of IATA received the 2023 Hermes Award. The ceremony took place during the 2023 Air Transport Awards on Sunday 19 March held in Montreal, Canada.

On Monday 22nd May, Hermes members and Mozarteum Hellas members had the unique opportunity to see in an exclusive event Mozart’s Autograph K. 590b.

Finally, on Sunday 4th June Hermes hosted the traditional Hermes reception here in Istanbul during IATA AGM thanks the sponsorship of A4A. At the event was presented a commemorative book for the 10th anniversary of Hermes.

Thank you again for your participation.