



**Welcome address**  
**by the Director General of Hermes - Air Transport Organisation at the 2021 Hermes**  
**Leaders Forum**  
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Dear Hermes member,

I am pleased to welcome you to the 2021 Hermes AGM & Leaders Forum. Hermes, despite the challenges the industry has been facing over the last 18 months, has managed to organise three major regional events in Europe with Hellenic Aviation Society, in Latin America with Aeronautica Civil de Colombia and last week in Africa with iPADIS.

COVID-19 crisis has clearly demonstrated that cooperation and leadership is critical for the future of air transportation, For that reason, this year the theme for the 2021 recommendations and the Leaders Forum is entitled: "Resilience and efficiency through Leadership and Cooperation".

Finally, I would like to thank Professor Andreas Papatheodorou, Hermes Committee Member and Professor at the University of the Aegean, Greece, for providing the Zoom platform and our sponsors, Athens International Airport and Goldair.

Thank you.