



Event summary

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About the Congress

The Aviation Market Congress is the most important cyclical industry event bringing together civil aviation industry participants in Poland. In 2023, the Congress hosted a total of about 400 experts, professionals and employees of the aviation sector.

Among them were the presidents of LOT Polish Airlines, the Central Communication Port, the Civil Aviation Authority, the Polish Chamber of Tourism, the Polish Tourist Organization, Buzz, the Association of Regional Airports and the presidents of more than a dozen Polish regional airports. The Congress was also attended by representatives of Lufthansa, Embraer, Airbus, Amadeus. Baltona and Lagardere Travel Retail. The event was also attended by government officials and politicians in a pre-election debate on the strategy for Polish aviation.















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All those who said that the pandemic means "the end of the world" in aviation were fatally mistaken, and those who listened to them and laid off employees or cut investments - made a big mistake," said Marcin Horała, secretary of state at MFiPR and government plenipotentiary for CPK, opening the 6th Aviation Market Congress in Warsaw.

The opening of the 6th edition of the Aviation Market Congress was marked by a debate on the future of aviation in the strategy of the country's main political parties. It was attended by current members of the Confederation, Law and Justice, Civic Coalition and Third Way parties. Absent was the previously announced Tomasz Trela of the New Left. The moderator of the debate was managing director of the media division and editor-in-chief at the Railway Magazine, Lukasz Malinowski.

Mr. Lasek announced that after a possible election win, the Civic Coalition will put the CPK project on hold and thoroughly audit it. Krzysztof Bosak of the Confederation said that the Civic Platform on the subject of CPK "plays on the fears of citizens" even more strongly than.... his own party. The fact that investment processes are currently taking so long is the result of EU regulations, primarily environmental ones, Minister Horala explained. Third Way representative Miroslaw Suchoń pointed out that the CPK project is changing the country's transportation system just to give PLL LOT a boost.





Air transport will grow faster in the coming years than the ULC predicts. The dominance of low-cost carriers will continue or deepen," argued Buzz (formerly Ryanair Sun) CEO Michal Kaczmarzyk during a strategic debate. With a view to doubling its traffic across Europe within a decade, Ryanair is placing huge orders for new aircraft.

According to a forecast prepared on behalf of the Civil Aviation Authority, air transport to and from Poland is expected to be around 96 million passengers in 2024. A Ryanair Group representative, meanwhile, believes that these are conservative predictions. – The market will grow faster, perhaps even from the most optimistic variant. The Polish market is dominated by low-cost carriers, whose share exceeds 70 percent in total. While LOT is only approaching 2019 traffic levels, we and our low-cost competitors are already 30 percent above that level, he reasoned.

- I wonder how it came to be that we have only three, maybe four manufacturers of railroad sleepers in Poland," Mikołaj Wild, chairman of the board of directors of the Central Port of Communications, said at the Aviation Market Congress. He said that the production of many rail components is based on known methods. He also suggested that his company is taking a small number of production facilities into account when designing a new network of lines. Might it therefore be necessary to import sleepers?





Marita Szustak, president of the Land Transportation Chamber of Commerce, recalled the historical conditions under which sleeper production was reionized. She also argued that what is important is not the number of manufacturers, but their production capacity. - I assure you that sleepers will not be in short supply," she added, referring to the CPK company's plans to build a number of new lines.

Necessary conditions for the growth of air cargo transportation are the development of industrial production, competent personnel and well-designed and executed infrastructure. Regional airports should specialize in handling specific cargo groups. Despite the limitations that still exist, the Polish market is attractive to shippers - these are the conclusions of the debate on air cargo.

The Polish air cargo market is still small compared to, for example, the German market. A large portion of cargo leaves Poland not aboard aircraft, but by truck in the Road Feeder Service (RFS). In terms of purely "air" cargo, PLL LOT has the greatest influence in shaping the market.

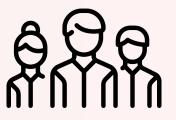
- According to the PAZP law, it is the one responsible for the separation of traffic in controlled space, noted Maciej Lasek, former chairman of the State Commission for Investigation of Aviation Accidents. He stressed that this responsibility should be treated not only in the context of manned but also unmanned aircraft.



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