

## Press Release

# **EBAA launches organisational reform to strengthen the association and impact**

*Brussels, Belgium, 27 June 2025. The European Business Aviation Association (EBAA) today announced a series of leadership changes as part of a broader organisational reform initiative aimed at enhancing the association's effectiveness, responsiveness, and value to its members, in partnership with its national associations.*

Effective immediately, Holger Krahmer has stepped down from his role as Secretary General. Robert Baltus has recently resigned and will also depart from his position as Chief Operating Officer later this year.

Mr. Stefan Benz is appointed as interim Managing Director of the Association, effective today, with a mandate to guide the EBAA through a period of transformation.

Stefan's will lead an organisational change programme. This programme will bring a leaner, more agile Association closer to its members' and its National Associations' partners. This is necessary during a period where several existential threats are emerging in regulation, resource availability, environmental policy, taxation and access to airspace and airports.

Under Stefan's leadership, these changes mark the beginning of a comprehensive transformation to ensure the association is equipped to address current and future challenges, which will be implemented at pace. Amongst his priorities are:

- Create a stronger association attuned to the challenges of its members.
- Enhance the value proposition of the EBAA's remit to protect the license to operate of its members, foster collaboration, and drive initiatives that strengthen the industry's collective voice and impact.
- Implement the new membership fee structure in January '26.
- Ensure EBACE remains Europe's premier, Business Aviation event.

**Juergen Wiese, Chairman of the EBAA Board of Governors commented:** *"We thank Holger for his contribution. We also thank Robert for his long service and continued commitment during the transition. The Association retains an excellent team. With Stefan's appointment, we will marshal to deliver the next chapter of our journey. This will be done at pace and with the full support of the Board."*

**Stefan Benz, interim Managing Director commented:** *"The EBAA is a stronger association when working in harmony with its members and collaboratively with the National Associations. We must remember that our purpose is to protect and grow our industry, a passion that we all share as we move forward."*

Stefan Benz joins the EBAA as a veteran of the business aviation industry, bringing with him a deep understanding of the sector's operational, commercial and regulatory dynamics. His industry expertise and strategic insight will be instrumental in guiding the association through this phase, ensuring that EBAA continues to deliver value, advocacy, and leadership on behalf of its members and the wider business aviation community.

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**About EBAA:** The European Business Aviation Association (EBAA) is the leading organisation for operators of business aircraft in Europe. Our mission is to enable responsible, sustainable growth for Business Aviation, enhance connectivity and create opportunities. Business Aviation in Europe is responsible for more than 400,000 direct and indirect jobs and adds €100 billion to Europe's GDP. EBAA works to improve safety standards and share knowledge, to further positive regulation and to ease all aspects of closely tailored, flexible, point-to-point air transportation for individuals, governments, businesses and local communities in the most time-efficient way possible. Founded in 1977 and based in Brussels, EBAA represents +700 member companies, corporate operators, commercial operators, manufacturers, airports, fixed-based operators, and more, with a total fleet of +1,000 aircraft.

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