

PRESS RELEASE

European Logistics Platform (ELP) Event Highlights Role of Aviation in Sustainable Time Critical Logistics at Brussels Airport

Brussels, November 6, 2024 – The European Logistics Platform (ELP) convened leading industry experts and policymakers from the European Parliament at Brussels Airport for a dynamic event dedicated to discussing the critical role of aviation in sustainable logistics for the pharma and biotechnology sectors. The event, supported by MEP Jan-Christoph Oetjen, gathered speakers from the logistics and biotech sectors to explore aviation's crucial contribution to European production and supply chains while driving for sustainability.

The event, kindly hosted by Brussels Airport Company (BAC), featured a series of thought-provoking presentations, including opening remarks from *Geert Aerts*, Chief Cargo & Real Estate Officer at BAC, who underscored the airport's role as a pivotal pharma logistics hub in Belgium and Europe. *Tineke Van hooland*, Deputy Secretary General of bio.be/essenscia, highlighted Belgium's prominence in the biotech and life sciences sectors, emphasizing the need for robust, specialized logistics solutions that support timely and secure deliveries in these industries. *Tim Lederer*, Vice-President Aviation Regulatory Affairs & Fuel at DHL Express, provided insight into DHL's operations at Brussels Airport, showcasing the importance of operating at night, its commitment to environmental sustainability and its role in connecting Europe to the global market.

The event demonstrated the necessity for collaboration among logistics companies, policymakers, and stakeholders to address shared challenges.

Following the presentations, attendees participated in an exclusive airside tour of the Brussels Airport facilities, including a visit to a Maintenance Hall, and an extended stop at Cargo Logistics areas managed by DHL, where they observed firsthand the advanced logistics and cargo handling operations that underpin the airport's daily functionality. The tour offered valuable insights into how logistics providers and airport operators are integrating sustainable practices and innovation in real-time operations.

The event served as a testament to the European Logistics Platform's commitment to fostering dialogue around sustainable practices and the importance of aviation in a resilient European logistics network.

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