



Taking to the air: Europeans get closer together in the cheap seats

15 May 2018, CEPS, Place du Congrès 1, Brussels

10:15-10:40 Registration and coffee

10:40-11:00 Opening session

Welcome by Karel Lannoo, CEO of CEPS

Introductory remarks on the motivations behind the study by Diarmuid Ó Conghaile, Director of Public Affairs, Ryanair

11:00-11:45 Presentation of the CEPS study “Low-Cost Airlines: Are they bringing the EU closer together?”

Mehtap Akgüç, Research Fellow, CEPS
Miroslav Beblavý, Senior Research Fellow, CEPS
Felice Simonelli, Research Fellow, CEPS

11:45-12:00 Remarks by David Warnock-Smith, Director of Aviation, Bucks New University

12:00-12:30 Q&A moderated by Mehtap Akgüç, Research Fellow, CEPS

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:30 Panel Discussion: “The role of low-cost airlines in bringing Europe together: Which way forward?”, followed by a Q&A session. Moderated by Miroslav Beblavý, Senior Research Fellow, CEPS

Filip Cornelis, Director of Aviation Policy, DG MOVE, European Commission
Kenny Jacobs, Chief Marketing Officer, Ryanair
Owain Jones, Chief Commercial Officer, Wizz Air
David Warnock-Smith, Director of Aviation, Bucks New University
Mehtap Akgüç, Research Fellow, CEPS

15:30-15:45 Closing session: Final remarks by Karel Lannoo, CEPS, and Diarmuid Ó Conghaile, Director of Public Affairs, Ryanair