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# **Navigating Towards a More Efficient Airport Slots Allocation Regime in Europe**



# Context and aim

- Continuous growth of the European aviation industry ... putting additional pressure on scarce airport capacity
- Recognition that the current slot allocation regime can be improved:
  - capacity utilization
  - allocation of slots
  - others

## **Consequently, in this Forum, we seek to:**

1. assess the effectiveness of the current institutional design of how slots are allocated (e.g., grandfathering, 'use it or lose it' rules) and determine the ensuing needs for reform.
2. examine the available reform options for a future slot allocation regime,
3. while taking into account best practices and other lessons learnt



# Questions for today

- How effective has the existing slots regime been in ensuring optimal connectivity, airport capacity, utilization and allocation of slots to airlines? Are there misuses of the rules that could be avoided?
- What are the various administrative- and market-based measures (e.g. auctioning, congestion pricing models) that could be considered for improving efficiency?
- What are the possible ways forward for reforming the EU's airport slots regime? (e.g. synergies with Airport Charges, Public Service Obligations, Traffic Distribution Rules, others?)



# Structure and principles

- Introduction to the day by Filip Cornelis (DG MOVE) and Stephen Wainwright (Steer)
- 3 sessions with short inputs and subsequent discussions:
  1. Evaluation of the current regime
  2. Discussion of possible measures for improvement
  3. Outlining possible ways forward
- Concluding session (DG MOVE, Geneva Airport, EUI)
- Chatham House rules
- Slides, summaries and Observer after the Forum