



Vienna Airport Dialogue Forum

Introduction to the association

Dialogue Forum –

Reconciling interests with consensus solutions

“The purpose of the association is to address and discuss issues and conflicts in connection with air traffic at and in the vicinity of Vienna Airport and to implement the terms set out in the final agreement of the viemediation.at mediation process.”

Articles of Association of the Dialogue Forum,
Section 2 – Aim of the association

The topic of air traffic and its effects is at the heart of discussions and negotiations at the Vienna Airport Dialogue Forum Association. Members work voluntarily in a constructive, fair and open manner to find a balance between the legitimate and sometimes divergent interests of the aircraft industry and the region.

» *It is particularly important to the mayors of the neighboring communities that the Vienna Airport Region can make the best possible use of growth opportunities without the citizens having to give up a high quality of life and the environment.«*

Jürgen Maschl (see bottom left)
Representative of the Dialogue Forum Association
and Mayor of Schwadorf

» *The Dialogue Forum is an internationally recognised platform for addressing conflicts. The platform continuously strives to find a balance between the economic interests of the aircraft industry and the legitimate requests of local residents to maintain a high quality of life and environmental quality in the Vienna Airport region.«*

MMag. Juliana Ghasemipour (see bottom right)
Management of the Vienna Airport Dialogue Forum Association



Let's talk about it – help shape the Dialogue Forum

Is air traffic negatively affecting you? Do you want to shape and bring about change that will help minimise the effects of air traffic on local residents and the environment as far as possible now and in the future?

The effects of air traffic on the region are at the heart of discussions and negotiations at the Dialogue Forum. You can not only participate in the discussions, you can also be involved in the decisions on measures to be taken. All suggestions and requests for change are dealt with in a fair, open and transparent manner, regardless of whether they have been made at a district conference or by a member of the Dialogue Forum.

The aim of the Dialogue Forum is to reach a consensus to reconcile regional interests, i.e. economic interests and the population's concerns, in the best possible way.

>> *Flughafen Wien AG stands by the terms of the mediation agreement and the work of the Dialogue Forum. It will also continue to take part in the dialogue with local communities and the population in the future. Flughafen Wien AG will implement all measures for which a consensus has been reached at the Dialogue Forum.«*

Dr. Günther Ofner, Mag. Julian Jäger (see bottom)
Members of the Management Board of Flughafen Wien AG



Local communities – together for quality of life and prosperity

During the many years spent working on the mediation procedure and the Vienna Airport Dialogue Forum, many measures – i.e. regulation governing night flights, noise protection programme, air route changes and many more – to reduce the negative impact of air traffic were agreed between the air traffic industry, local communities and the population. Many have already been implemented and a level of protection, which is considerably better than the minimum requirements defined in legislation, has been achieved for those living in the Vienna Airport region.

At the Dialogue Forum, compliance with the agreement terms is verified. In addition, further measures are being developed to minimise the negative impact of air traffic as far as possible without hampering the airport region's dynamic development.

» *Vienna Airport is an infrastructure of international significance. At the Dialogue Forum, representatives of the local communities are working on minimising the effects of air traffic on the population concerned as far as possible.«*

Martin Kolber (see bottom left)
Mayor of Rauchenwarth

» *Vienna is growing, particularly in the 22nd district. Minimising the effects of air traffic on as many people in Vienna as possible is of particular concern to urban policy and to me as District Mayor.«*

Ernst Nevrviv (see bottom right)
Mayor of the Vienna district of Donaustadt



Citizens' initiative against aircraft noise (ARGE gegen Fluglärm) –

We work for environmental quality and to minimise the negative impact of air traffic

At the Dialogue Forum, over two million people from around 130 municipalities and three federal states have the opportunity via representatives to talk with state, municipality and aircraft industry representatives. The working group against aircraft noise, an association of 14 citizens' initiatives and resident associations who are active in the Dialogue Forum, has many with the same concerns, issues and worries.

At the Dialogue Forum, the most divergent interests are dealt with on an equal footing. The citizens' initiative against aircraft noise understands people's concerns regarding the quality of life and environmental quality in the airport region. It also listens to their concerns relating to the effects of air traffic.

The citizens' initiative against aircraft noise analyses and assesses the effects of air traffic on people and the environment with the help of air traffic experts. Furthermore, it continuously negotiates other concrete measures against the negative impact of air traffic.

>> *The citizens' initiatives have already implemented many measures against air traffic pollution with the neighboring communities. However, the residents will be affected by the effects of the 2-runway system for a longer period of time, which is why we have entered into intensive negotiations to further reduce aircraft noise and pollution through new measures for the benefit of the citizens.«*

Dr. Manfred Peter (see bottom left)

Representative of the citizens' initiatives against aircraft noise



The aircraft industry –

a global issue and regionally-shared responsibility

Planes are the most important means of transport to cover long distances quickly. Many people travel by plane although it involves a negative impact – just like motorways and rail links. A dense air traffic network is important for Austria. However, more considerable efforts are needed to minimise the impact on local residents directly affected as far as possible. The Dialogue Forum has dealt with the task of reconciling interests for several years and will continue to do so in the future.

»» *For many years the Vienna Airport Dialogue Forum has been working with citizens and neighboring communities to effectively reduce aircraft noise. We support this dialog with our expertise as an air navigation service provider, when it comes to developing good solutions within the legal framework and testing their implementation.«*

Mag.^a Elisabeth Landrichter
and Mag. Philipp Piber (see bottom left)
Austro Control Management Board

»» *We believe that the constructive and mutual dialogue that takes place in the Vienna Airport Dialogue Forum is unique and of great significance. We at Austrian Airlines have been living up to our responsibility towards affected residents and natural habitats for many years and strive to actively reduce noise emissions. For this reason, we are pleased to contribute to the Dialogue Forum by jointly pursuing solutions that safeguard the interests of all stakeholders.«*

Annette Mann (see bottom right)
CEO of Austrian Airlines AG



Vienna Airport region – looking towards the future

Thanks to the participative dialogue and negotiation process as well as the civil law agreements, the “Vienna Airport mediation procedure” and the Dialogue Forum have attracted great international attention and are considered exemplary in terms of public participation. The greatest challenge has always been organising air traffic in a way that significantly negative effects can be minimised as much as possible despite dynamic development and that the impact of air traffic on people can be reduced as far as possible for the common good.

»» *The mediation procedure and the Dialogue Forum at Vienna Airport are recognised as best practice across Europe. It is even more important that most local residents see these initiatives positively.«*

Erich Valentin (see bottom left)

Member of the Landtag (State Parliament of Austria) and the local council,
Chairman of the Environmental Committee in Vienna

»» *Vienna Airport is of particular importance as an international hub within the context of the multi-faceted Austrian mobility services. It also offers a range of innovative jobs and functions as a significant location factor for the region's economy. A lot is changing, but what is not going to change is this: preserving the quality of life and of the environment in the airport region and protecting the citizens living nearby and affected by the negative side effects of air traffic. To maintain the necessary balance for this goal now and in the future, we need an ongoing dialogue.«*

DI Johannes Wolf (see bottom right)

Representative of the State of Lower Austria at the Dialogue Forum



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we are the Dialogue Forum

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