

PRESS RELEASE

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MBA in Air Transport Management (MATBA)

“Bridging Academic Learning and International Aviation Practice”

The MBA in Air Transport Management (MATBA) had the honour of visiting the International Civil Aviation Authority (ICAO) EUR/NAT Office in Paris on Friday, 22 May 2026, as part of the programme’s ongoing commitment to connecting academic learning with the international aviation environment. The visit offered MATBA postgraduate students a valuable opportunity to engage directly with the work of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and to gain deeper insight into the institutional, regulatory, strategic and operational dimensions of international civil aviation. The meeting provided a highly insightful and productive platform for academic and professional exchange, bringing together representatives of ICAO, MATBA students, and members of the programme’s academic and professional community. The discussion focused on key priorities and developments in the aviation sector, while allowing the participants to better understand the role of ICAO in supporting safe, secure, efficient, and sustainable international air transport. Through this exchange, participants had the opportunity to connect their academic training with real-world aviation governance, policy-making, and international cooperation. The MATBA delegation was joined by Dr Kostas Iatrou, Module Convenor in the MATBA programme and MATBA Industry Board Coordinator.

The visit formed part of MATBA’s wider educational philosophy, which seeks to combine high-level academic training with meaningful exposure to institutions, organisations, and professionals shaping the future of air transport. In this context, the meeting at the ICAO EUR/NAT Office represented an important added value for the programme and its students, reinforcing MATBA’s outward-looking, international, and practice-oriented character. MATBA extends its sincere appreciation to ICAO for the warm welcome, hospitality, and constructive exchange, which contributed significantly to the students’ understanding of the international aviation ecosystem.

