

Friday 20/02/2026

MORNING SESSION: THE FUTURE OF PILOTING & THE MARKET AHEAD

10:30-10:40	Welcome Remarks
10:40-11:10	«Pilot Demand vs. Training Capacity» George Triantafyllidis, Chief Commercial Officer of Egnatia Aviation
11:10-11:40	«Inside a Modern Flight Academy: What Training Really Looks Like in 2026» Kasper Valgren, Head of Global Sales and Marketing at Flightlogger
11:40-12:00	«AI in the Cockpit: What Skills Will Pilots Need in 2035» Speaker TBA

MIDDAY SESSION: TRAINING STRATEGY, REALITY & CAREER DECISIONS

13:00-13:20	«From Zero to Hero – a Guide to Successful Pilot Training» Capt. Kay Wachtelborn, CEO of SKY4u Aviation Services
13:20-13:40	«A Survivor's Guide to Your Flight School Selections» Pieter Brantegem, B747 pilot and CEO of Skywings
13:40-14:00	«Tips From an Active Pilot on How to Choose Your Employer» Capt. Lars Frontini, Chair of the European Cockpit Association Industrial Working Group
14:00-14:20	«Safeguarding Health in the Air and at Work: The Attentia Aviation Medical Approach» Dr. Brigitte De Geyter, Head of AeMc, and Dr. Farah Maamer, Team Leader, Attentia Aviation Medical

AFTERNOON SESSION: FLIGHT SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS #1

15:10-15:30	«Flying on Merit: Transforming Pilot Training Through Inclusive Access» Andy McFarlane, CEO and Founder of Leading Edge Aviation
15:30-15:50	«Careers in Aviation: Opportunities at KlasJet» Sandra Diaso, Head of Human Resources, KlasJet
15:50-16:10	«Grow with Egnatia Aviation» Capt. Hugues Carpentier, Head of Training at Egnatia Aviation

16:10-16:30 «Ryanair Future Flyer Academy at Bartolini Air»

Nuno Nogueira, Deputy Head of Training, Bartolini Air

16:30-16:50 «How to Become a Pilot – Wizz Air Pilot Academy»

Nikki Janssen, Captain at Wizz Air

16:50-17:10 «From Cadet to Captain – Your Premium Flight Training With AAA Quality»

Dr. Oliver Karall, CEO & Capt. Thomas Schindler, Head of Training, Austrian Aviation Academy

17:10-17:30 «5 Reasons Why Avion Express is the Smart Start»

Agne Dilyte-Sund, Crew People & Culture Recruitment Specialist at Avion Express

17:30-17:50 «Becoming a pilot within Europe's largest Airline Group»

Daniel Eisen, Sales Manager at European Flight Academy

Saturday 21/02/2026

MORNING SESSION: PURPOSE, DRIVE & PERSONAL JOURNEYS

10:30-10:50 «From Desk Job to A320/B737: Reinventing a Career»

Capt. Jakub Benke, Shareholder of Bartolini Air

10:50-11:10 «From Passenger to Cargo Pilot»

Joe Diebolder, B747 pilot and famous youtuber "Captain Joe"

11:10-12:00 Panel Discussion «From Dream to Cockpit – Real Aviation Journeys, Real Challenges»

Panel members: Daiana Dajulescu, A320 FO (@dajulescudiana), Adam Tahiri, student pilot (@_flywithadam) and Zacharias Besinis, student pilot (@harrybesinis)

MIDDAY SESSION: FLIGHT SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS #2

13:00-13:20 «Ryanair Future Flyer Academy – Gateway to Your Pilot Career»

Angelo Currao – Pilot Recruitment Manager of Ryanair

13:20-13:40 «Aviomar Flight Academy»

13:40-14:00 «Why Airlines Put Their Trust in Us»

Miroslav Srnec, B777 Captain, B737 TRI/TRE, and Head of Training at F Air, Krista Vandermeulen, CEO at WECAIR

14:00-14:20 «How to Become a Pilot – Wizz Air Pilot Academy»

Capt. Nikki Janssen, TRI A320/A321 & Pilot Recruitment Assessor at Wizz Air

14:20-14:40 «Urbe Aero Flight Academy»

14:40-15:00 «Brussels Airlines Cadet Program with Skywings»

Pieter Brantegem, B747 Pilot and CEO of Skywings, Vincent Verbiest, MPL Coordinator, and Jeremy Rooms, A330 Captain and Pilot Selection Manager at Brussels Airline

15:00-15:20 «Regional Air School»

15:20-15:40 Hillsboro Aero Academy – Flight training in the US

Axel Schmitz, Director of Business Development at Hillsboro Aero Academy

15:40-16:00 «Emirates Flight Training Academy»

16:00-17:00 MEET & GREET EVENT