



RACE 2023
Chania, Crete



WELCOME LETTER FROM FRAPORT GREECE

The host of ACI EUROPE 14th Regional Airports Conference & Exhibition 2023

Dear ACI members and colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome the 14th Airports Council International Europe Regional Airports Conference & Exhibition (ACI EUROPE RACE) to Greece. The RACE23 will take place on 25-27 of April 2023 in Crete in the beautiful city of Chania.

We pick up the baton from Italy and Palermo, where our previous annual meeting was held. We are thrilled that aviation is finally recovering and the desire of our passengers to travel is unbroken. Yet, airports, especially regional airports, face multiple challenges way beyond the rapid growth in passenger numbers.

Undoubtedly, all regional airports are struggling to find answers to the specific challenges they are facing. Together, we can share our experience and tap into a wealth of ideas. Combining our knowledge will help us recover and allow us to face an uncertain future confidently. For example, the energy crisis and its effects, the transition to a "green" and digital airport, team staffing and route development are issues that are on the agenda of every regional airport. The times we live in require dedication and consistency and I am confident that our meeting this year will produce valuable ideas towards finding the most effective solutions.

Fraport Greece invested close to 2bn EUR in the concession to operate 14 regional airports. This investment goes far beyond the mere infrastructure: it is an investment in Greece's future as an outstanding tourist destination. On the occasion of RACE23, you will visit one of the most popular destinations in the country. Located on the Western tip of Crete, Chania is a place with a long tradition in tourism, gastronomy and local natural products.

We cannot wait to welcome you in unique and amazing Chania!

Yours sincerely,

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