



### **IFATSEA Europe press release**

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The **IFATSEA Euro-Conference in Larnaca, Cyprus**, has been concluded.

From May 9th to May 11<sup>th</sup>, the European ATSEP community met in **Larnaca, Cyprus**, to work, brainstorm, exchange ideas, and set very high goals and expectations.

With the great contribution of our guests and sponsors from the industry, CNS experts, ATSEP professionals, and representatives from sister associations like IFATCA, ATCEUC, ETF, IFAIMA, and IFISA, we have managed to cover the very demanding agenda. The fruitful discussions and conclusions of the conference will be circulated to all the affiliates soon.

The **“New Technological Developments and Challenges for ATSEP Professionals”** was our theme, and we have managed to bring with us aviation stakeholders from all over Europe who shared with us very useful information and expertise.

The main objective we have set to bring to discussion all the important and current issues that are affecting not only the ATSEP profession but all the front-end actors, including ATCOs, AIS/AIM personnel, and FISOs, has been accomplished successfully.

Working intensively for those 3 days, we have managed to come up with valuable answers and solutions to a lot of challenges coming from the enforcement of new concepts of operation, the new legislation, and the implementation of innovative solutions in ATM/ANS like ADSPs, virtual centres, remote towers, automation, ATSEP training, and fatigue.

Some of the most prominent conclusions from our conference were: the continued lack of ATSEP across Europe; the high numbers of outages on CNS services; and the promising implementation by the industry of Cyber-Tools into the ATSEP WP for technical supervision of CNS/ATM systems.

I am very glad for the fruitful results of this conference, and do not forget that together as front-line actors, we can make a difference in improving aviation safety, security, and efficiency.

My deep appreciation to **CYATSEA, the Cyprus affiliate, for this excellent work in organising this conference and my gratitude for all the colleagues who managed to participate.**

Yours sincerely,

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