

This morning CAB had a short introductory meeting with Wizz Air, at their request. Wizz briefly outlined their positions on key aviation files. It is looking forward to speaking at the upcoming EU-India Aviation Summit.

- India: Wizz looking forward to participating. Important initiative as Wizz will add 47 A321XLRs from end-2024, which will bring India (also Pakistan) into reach. New destinations in India and Pakistan will become more relevant. Wizz plans to fly both from Abu Dhabi, and from EU points. Informed general interest to enhance presence in "Stan" countries. Abu Dhabi-Kyrgyzstan route just launched.
- Moldova: Wizz decision to cease flights due following a risk assessment. Decision driven by
  experience in UA (3 aircraft stuck in Kyiv), a recent security incident in MD and by pressure from
  insurance companies. MD keen on Wizz resuming operations. For time being Wizz to operate to
  the closest RO airport (around 2h drive to MD).
- Slots: Wizz welcomed the opportunity to respond to the targeted stakeholder consultations.
  Keen on seeing environmental concerns taken into account in the slot allocation process. This
  would incentivise airlines to renew their fleets. Wizz also called on taking into account
  environmental sustainability in airport charges, as well as in air navigation charges. CAB
  announced that MOVE is working on ACD guidelines which could form a package with slots.
- SAF: Wizz just announced 2nd partnership with Nesté (first one with OMV) to stimulate production. Wizz has also engaged in a SAF working group starting to work in Austria. Concerns that SAF availability will be limited in Central and Eastern Europe ("blank spot") and third country markets where Wizz operates. Anything that would help kick-starting SAF production in CEE markets would be very welcome.

- **Taxonomy:** Wizz keen on inclusion of aviation, will continue to be vocal about this.
- **O&C:** Wizz started working with IAG (lead), TUI, Ryanair, Finnair and Easyjet on a common position which could feed into possible interpretative guidelines (mostly focusing on ownership) to keep moving forward. Keeping an eye on global developments. Their objective is to enable access to US/UK strategic investors. MOVE recalled that guidelines cannot go beyond existing rules. CAB welcomed the involvement of airlines while stressing that no decision has been taken yet on this strategic file (revision of Regulation 1008/2008).