

Rolf Henke, ACARE Vice Chair



“The European aviation visions outlined in "Vision 2020" and "Flightpath 2050" have given us orientation for two decades. As part of the "EU Green Deal", we now need to design a safe, quiet, sustainable, affordable air transport for passengers and cargo, and this in an industrial perspective by all actors of the European aviation industry. Together with the European Commission, formulating this as a vision for the new decade will be the mission over the coming months that ACARE has received from its General Assembly. I am pleased to be able to coordinate this process.”

Rosalinde van der Vlies, Director Clean Planet DG RTD,



“We need a common vision for Zero Emission Aviation in Europe. ACARE is a key player connecting the European Union, its member states and all private and public aviation stakeholders to create a strategic cooperative agenda for research and innovation. In this context, the European Union’s Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, Horizon Europe, invests in innovative solutions and paves the way for accelerating the technology transfer of research results into products. Successful synchronisation of European and national R&I activities focussing on sustainable aviation will maximize impact and will set the European Union on the right track to achieve its objectives of having zero-emission large aircrafts market-ready by 2035 and becoming the first climate-neutral continent by 2050.”

Bart de Vries, Advisor Operations Strategy, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines



“Aviation has come very far in its relatively short existence. It has become very safe, is available to many people and has made the world smaller enabling global co-operation and cultural understanding. It does however face great challenges. The current COVID-19 crisis hurts aviation greatly and it will take time to recover and learn from this. More challenging is the need for aviation to become sustainable so that it can continue to deliver its benefits without negatively impacting our environment. I believe these challenges can be overcome by accelerating research and innovation. ACARE is well placed to be the enabler, driver and coordinator of this. It’s unique composition of cross-European governmental, educational, research and industry contributors puts ACARE in a position where the expectations of the public, the directions of policy makers and the needs of the industry can be combined and channelled into tangible results. I’m honoured and very motivated to represent the airline industry, as end users that deliver the aviation product to the travellers, within ACARE.”