

# An Ambitious International Aviation Policy

## EU-US AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT



# United States

## Facts

- 65 million passengers flew between the EU and the US in 2018
- +38% traffic since the recession of 2009
- 2011 marked the accession of Norway and Iceland to the EU-US Air Transport Agreement
- Signature of the wet lease agreement in August 2019

When this agreement was signed in 2007, it constituted a defining moment in the aviation relations between the EU and the US. It is now widely considered the most important air transport agreement in the world. Well-designed rules for cooperation made it possible to tackle new challenges in the areas of safety, security, environment/climate, competition policy as well as creating a favourable framework to develop business.

The EU-US Air Transport Agreement also ensures the recognition of EU designation (equal market access for any EU carrier) and therefore provides legal certainty for the transatlantic market in light of the requirements of the European Court's Open Skies Judgements.

### ECONOMIC BENEFITS

15 million  
additional  
passengers  
since signature  
of the agreement

Savings of  
**230€**  
per passenger compared  
to ticket prices before  
the agreement  
was signed

81 new  
connections between  
cities in the EU  
and the US