



Short BIO – Máté GERGELY

Máté GERGELY (born at Budapest, Hungary, 1973) is an aviation enthusiast and **expert in international air law and policy**. He graduated from the ELTE University of Budapest as *Doctor of Law* in 1997. He started his career in a small law firm in Budapest, where he worked on the implementation of **EU aviation law** in view of Hungary's accession to the European Union. Máté then continued his career as advisor in the Prime Minister's Office and in the Cabinet of the Minister of Transport before moving on to be legal counsel in MVM Power Companies, the biggest energy firm of the country. He returned to aviation as legal counsel at Malév, the **national airline of Hungary**.

In 2003, he joined the **European Commission's** Directorate-General for Transport, now **DG MOVE**, in international **aviation negotiations** (US, Canada, Balkan States etc.) and the regulation of the **EU internal air transport market** (Regulation 1008/2008). In 2010, he returned to his home country to serve as **Director General of Civil Aviation** responsible for international relations, policy- and law-making in aviation. Between 2012 and 2018, he worked again in DG MOVE in international aviation relations. From 2018 to 2020 Máté was a **senior expert in economic regulation at ICAO** (International Civil Aviation Organization). Since 2020, he has worked in the Aviation Security Unit of DG MOVE as **secretary to the EU Aviation Security Committee**, and dealing with international engagements and **cybersecurity**.