

New Transatlantic Partnership Opens Pathways for Airport Innovation

Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport and Germany's GATE Alliance sign agreement at the Farnborough International Airshow to support technology testing, market access and business growth

Erlanger, Ky. (July 31, 2026) – A leading association of airport technology companies and an international airport in the American Midwest are creating a new transatlantic pathway for testing emerging technologies and expanding into new markets.

At the recent Farnborough International Airshow in the United Kingdom, Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG) and Germany's GATE Alliance signed a Memorandum of Understanding formalizing a partnership focused on airport supplier innovation, technology testing, and international business collaboration.

The agreement builds on a relationship that began in 2023 and establishes a framework to help GATE members connect with new markets, validate emerging technologies, and identify opportunities for collaboration. Through the partnership, the companies will gain access to CVG's aviation ecosystem and innovation resources in the United States, while CVG partners will have opportunities to connect with GATE Alliance's network of airport technology companies in Germany.



Jens Reinhard, managing director, GATE Alliance and Larry Krauter, chief executive officer, CVG Airport

"CVG believes innovation happens when organizations are willing to test ideas in real-world environments and learn from one another," said Larry Krauter, chief executive officer of CVG Airport. "This partnership creates a new transatlantic pathway for collaboration and strengthens connections between our region and one of the world's leading aviation markets."

"CVG has been a valued partner to our members for several years," said Jens Reinhard, managing director, GATE Alliance. "This agreement creates greater opportunities for innovation, knowledge sharing and market access on both sides of the Atlantic."

The organizations will establish a joint working group to coordinate introductions, technology demonstrations, pilot projects, and potential investment opportunities. Priority areas of collaboration include aerospace and aviation, automated and electric mobility, advanced manufacturing, low-emissions fuels and energy infrastructure, agbioscience, and life sciences.

CVG has developed a reputation as a testing ground for new aviation technologies and innovative operating

concepts. The agreement is expected to support future opportunities for companies seeking to validate technologies, gather operational feedback, and explore expansion into new markets.

Highlights of the agreement:

- Creates a formal innovation partnership linking CVG Airport and Germany's GATE Alliance.
- Establishes pathways for GATE members to test technologies and enter new markets in both the United States and Germany.
- Supports pilot programs, demonstrations, and business introductions across two major aviation markets.
- Forms a joint working group responsible for identifying opportunities and coordinating future collaboration.
- Encourages investment, innovation and industry growth in sectors including aviation, advanced mobility, advanced manufacturing, and energy technologies.

CVG and GATE will continue the conversation at GATE FUTURE 2026 in Hamburg, Oct. 21-22, where CVG Chief Innovation Officer Brian Cobb will join the speaker program. The tenth edition of GATE's international airport innovation conference is expected to draw 250 participants from the global airport technology sector.



Pictured left to right: Brian Cobb, chief innovation officer, CVG Airport; Jens Reinhard, managing director, GATE Alliance; Kimm Lauterbach, president & CEO, REDI Cincinnati; Larry Krauter, chief executive officer, CVG Airport; Kevin Fischer, head of innovation, GATE Alliance

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ABOUT CVG AIRPORT

CVG welcomed 9 million travelers in 2025. The airport offers more than 55 nonstop destinations with 14 airlines/tour operators. It is proud to serve two nonstop transatlantic flights: to London via British Airways, and to Paris-CDG through Delta Air Lines. CVG is home to two global air hubs: Amazon Air's Hub and DHL Express' Global Superhub for the Americas. With an annual impact of \$12.2 billion on the local economy, the airport drives regional growth and remains a leader in aviation innovation. Learn more at CVGairport.com



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For over 30 years, GATE has been turning innovation into operational reality and enabling progress across the airport ecosystem.