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The Airline Pilot Club (APC) announces an APC Mentored ATPL, Powered by Aero Locarno

Airline Pilot Club and Aero Locarno create a quality pathway to becoming an Airline Pilot

APC and Aero Locarno have today announced the launch of an APC Mentored ATPL course available exclusively to APC registered members.

Aero Locarno and APC have a well-established partnership that has allowed Aero Locarno to supply graduates to airlines such as Ryanair, Transavia, Air Astana, Wizz Air, Lauda, Air Dolomiti, Swiss, Swiss Air Force and Edelweiss.

Building on this, APC and Aero Locarno will be taking applicants from APC members to undergo ATPL training through two Gateways:

- Gateway 1 Requirements: Ab initio cadets with no previous flight experience.
- Gateway 2 Requirements: Applicants who have commenced training and / or holding a PPL and wish to join a coordinated training program in AeLo, mentored by APC

APC members who meet the entry requirements will be able to self-enrol into the selection process and the entire process will be managed through the APC platform using APC's unique Lead Management Software.

At the end of the course, graduates will obtain an EASA ATPL (Airline Transport Pilot License) frozen integrated with the Commercial Pilot License (CPL) on twin-engine instrument aircraft (MEP IR) issued by the Swiss Federal Office of Civil Aviation. The course includes the Aero Locarno APS MCC that is founded on APC's expertise in the enhanced MCC (AMC 2.FCL.735A).

APC and AeLo will use their extensive networks in the airline industry to ensure that students from the APC/AeLo training program are presented to recruiting airlines as high quality, airline-ready pilots.

APC's free registration and unique process provides APC members with access to free online assessments of their suitability to a career as an airline pilot. APC's Preparation Zone provides free online resources to prepare students for AON and Symbiotics assessments, the most widely used assessment systems in the world.

APC members will access powerful insurance policies to assist them in the funding of their pilot training.

Commenting on the announcement, APC founder and CEO, Captain Andy O'Shea said *"This is the next logical step for APC to build on its great community of quality assured ATOs. Aero Locarno has undergone a full cycle of initial and revalidation quality assurance and has worked with APC experts to reach a standard where we can confidently say that students who graduate from this program will be welcome in any recruiting airline in Europe.*

Our role will be to attract, screen and prepare program students before handing them over to Aero Locarno who will deliver world class training to our students. We will leverage existing partnerships such as with Airline Flight Academy to prepare students and to present them for airline assessments and selection.

To become eligible simply register free with APC. For Gateway 1, register as “I Want to be a Pilot”. For Gateway 2, register as “I am Training to be a Professional Pilot”. Existing APC members should update their profile.

Aero Locarno Head of Training and CEO, Captain Stefano Buratti said “We are honoured to be part of the community and to have been chosen by APC for its Mentored ATPL course. We know that the training standards delivered by Aero Locarno are appreciated by the aviation market: having them combined with the quality, the oversight and the network of APC will make our cadets excellent professionals and employable pilots, with unique competencies that will set them apart from other students.”

To learn more about the program visit the APC website and get your career started.

<https://theairlinepilotclub.com/candidates-1/easa-atpl-course>

APC registration and membership is available at <https://theairlinepilotclub.com>

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Notes to editor:

Captain Andy O’Shea is a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society (FRAeS), Chairman of the EASA Aircrew Training Policy Group and is widely regarded as a leader in the pilot training industry. He is an experienced Airline Pilot, Instructor, Senior Examiner, and airline pilot training manager.

He has been a professional pilot for 40 years including twenty-seven in Ryanair. As Ryanair’s Head of Training for 18 years he managed the training of over 10,000 low-hour pilots as they transitioned successfully from initial qualification to their first Airline Pilot job.

About The Airline Pilot Club (APC)

APC is a community of aspiring pilots, student pilots, ATOs and Airlines. Our objective is to provide the next generation of pilots, from every background, with the best possible start to their career. We will provide free services to members who register with us. These are:

- Free psychometric assessments to understand if the airline pilot career is the right one for you.
- Free reports to tell you your strengths and areas that can be improved.
- Free e learning to improve in those areas, understand the career and the all-important pilot competencies
- Free recommendation to our community of APC Quality Assured ATOs that will provide the best training and the best opportunity of getting a job once qualified
- Free webinars where experts share their knowledge, experience, and insights into the airline pilot career.

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Captain Stefano Buratti started his career with a Master Degree in Mechanical Engineering and a Bachelor in Aeronautical engineering gaining experience in aviation maintenance till covering the Continuous Airworthiness role.

Additionally, he is an experienced Airline Pilot, Instructor, Examiner, with airline pilot training and operations manager background

About Aero Locarno (AeLo)

AeLo is certified by the Federal Office of Civil Aviation as an Approved Training Organisation (ATO.CH.0311) and in 2021 became an APC Partner ATO. AeLo is also a Part FSTD, a Part CAMO, and a Part 145

AeLo was founded in 1984 and it has been re organized in 2018. Under the new ownership, in the last four years the training capacity has more than doubled on a yearly basis. Fleet wise AeLo operates only modern glass cockpit airplanes and simulators.

AeLo employs mainly airline pilots as instructors, with a training method that matches airline training techniques including concepts derived from Evidence Based Training and competence evaluations. AeLo constantly averages 150 students under training.