

## Andreas Strobl, ACA President

On November 22, 2021, First Officer Andreas Strobl was unanimously elected President of the Austrian Cockpit Association. At 33 years of age, he is thus the youngest president in the history of the Austrian pilots' association.

Aviation is the defining content of Andreas Strobl's professional life. It all started with training at the Intercockpit Pilot Training flight school in Frankfurt, which he successfully completed in 2013. However, his dream of finding a cockpit job did not initially come true. The situation on the European "pilot market" was tense, jobs were scarce and airlines were hardly hiring young pilots. Without further ado, Strobl decided to work as a flight attendant until a job offer came up. At that time, flight attendants were being recruited by Austrian Airlines and "it wouldn't hurt to know both sides of a modern commercial aircraft: that of the flight deck and that of the cabin," Andreas Strobl reasoned. He was to spend a year gaining experience as a flight attendant. In the meantime, the job market recovered somewhat and Strobl was able to start at Ryanair in 2014 with a type rating for Boeing 737-800 NG in East Midlands, England. He was eventually stationed in Athens, from where he spent two years as a pilot on international flights. Strobl's goal, however, was to fly for Austrian Airlines. In 2017, he underwent the selection process at DLR (German Aerospace Center), which he successfully completed. So there was nothing standing in the way of a move to Austria, he quit his job at Ryanair and started his pilot career on Embraer 195 at Austrian Airlines. Strobl still flies on this type today as a co-pilot.

After landing at Austrian Airlines, Strobl immediately joined the association and quickly became an active member. His experiences as a former pilot of a low-cost airline were and still are valuable assets in the fight against social dumping in aviation, which Strobl considers one of the greatest threats to flight safety. In 2018, Andreas Strobl was elected to the board of the Austrian Cockpit Association as Vice President International Affairs. He held this position until his election as Chairman of the Association.

In addition to his flying activities as a co-pilot, Andreas Strobl is a member of the works council for flying personnel at Austrian Airlines, and member of the Aviation committee board of the vida trade union. He also works as a simulator pilot in the training department of Austrocontrol.

### Andreas Strobl's career at a glance:

Born on 16.07.1988 in Vienna, Austria

Secondary school Zirkusgasse Matura 2008

10/2008 - 06/2009 Civilian service geriatric nursing hospital, Haus der Barmherzigkeit, 1160 Wien

01/2012 - 09/2013 Airline Transport Pilot Training Intercockpit, Frankfurt/Main

10/2013 - 09/2014 Flight attendant Austrian Airlines

10/2014 - 01/2017 Copilot with Ryanair

01/2017 - now co-pilot with Austrian Airlines