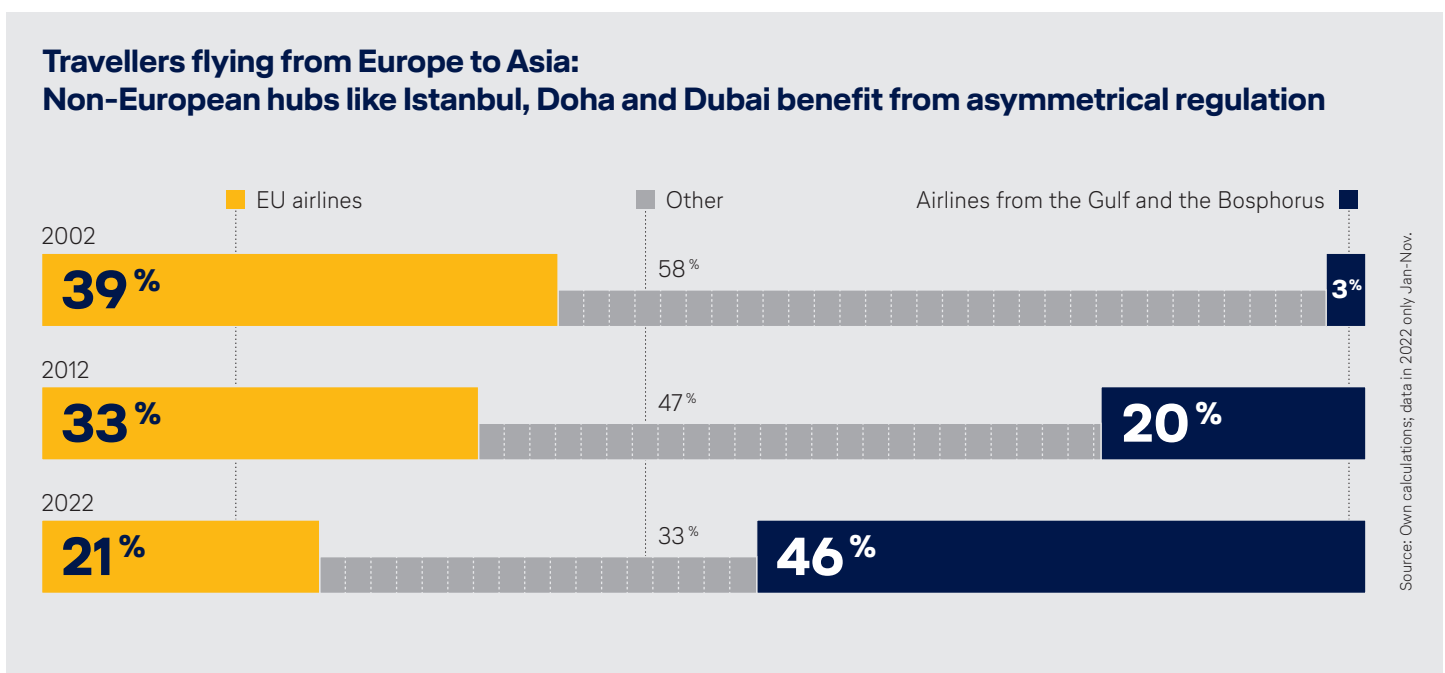


## Align international air transport agreements with EU interests

Europe can achieve a win-win situation: boosting the EU's strategic autonomy, benefitting both the EU and its citizens, while fostering fair competition for EU airlines.

Recently, the EU's external aviation policy has become increasingly unbalanced, granting non-EU airlines unrestricted access to the EU market without reciprocating similar commercial opportunities for the EU industry and the same level of regulatory obligations. To preserve fair competition and

boost the EU's strategic autonomy, improvements have to be made in global air transport agreements: both existing and future agreements must incorporate binding and enforceable provisions on environment, social issues, and fair competition. This will contribute to a level playing field for all carriers.



## Clarify passenger rights

The EU must revise the European Passenger Rights regime to provide legal clarity for both consumers and airlines.

The current EU Air Passenger Rights Regulation (EC 261/2004) is highly ambiguous and has become one of the most challenged pieces of EU legislation before European courts. Moreover, disproportionate consumer protection

decreases airline's capabilities to invest in modern aircraft and SAF. EU Member States must therefore stop stalling and continue the work on this important revision.