

## European passenger traffic relapses, down -9.1% in May 2009

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**Brussels, 10 July 2008:** After signs of slowing in the decline in air traffic during April, mainly due to the timing of Easter this year, the overall **passenger** traffic at European airports relapsed back to a heavier decrease of **-9.1%** in **May 2009** compared with May 2008. The overall **freight** traffic among European airports showed some improvement on previous months, but still down **-20.1%** in May 2009 when compared with the corresponding month in 2008. The overall figure for **movements** at European airports decreased **-8.5%** in May 2009 when compared with May 2008.

The accumulated figure for **passenger** traffic **January to May 2009** decreased by **-10.1%** compared with the corresponding period 2008. The accumulated figure for **freight** traffic during **January to May** decreased by **-24.0%** and **movements** decreased by **-9.5%** during the corresponding period when compared with 2008.

Airports welcoming more than 25 million passengers per year (Group 1), airports welcoming between 10 and 25 million passengers (Group 2), airports welcoming between 5 and 10 million passengers (Group 3) and airports welcoming less than 5 million passengers per year (Group 4) reported an average decrease of **-8.0%**, **-10.5%**, **-8.9%** and **-9.2%** respectively when compared with May 2008. The same comparison of May 2009 with May 2007 demonstrates an average decrease of **-4.4%**, **-6.5%**, **-4.9%** and **-5.2%** respectively.

Exceptional examples of airports that experienced an increase in passenger traffic per group, when comparing May 2009 with May 2008, include:

- **Group 2 airports** – Milan MXP (**+2.3%**)
- **Group 3 airports** – Marseille (**+10.9%**), Milan BGY (**+8.5%**), Rome CIA (**+1.7%**) and Edinburgh (**+1.5%**)
- **Group 4 airports** – Charleroi (**+25.9%**) Bologna (**+15.7%**), Bergen (**+12.5%**) and Riga (**+10.0%**)

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\* **Note(s) to editors**

The '**ACI EUROPE Airport Traffic Report - May 2009**' includes **105 airports** in total.

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