

## European passenger traffic up 5.4% during May 2010

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**Brussels, 8 July 2010:** As the summer holiday season kicks off, European airport trade body ACI EUROPE released its figures for May, reporting a positive growth trend for much of the continent. The overall **passenger** traffic at European airports increased by **+5.4%** in **May 2010** compared with May 2009. The overall **freight** traffic among European airports increased **+32.7%** in May 2010 when compared with the corresponding month in 2009. The overall figure for **movements** at European airports increased **+1.5%** in May 2010 when compared with May 2009.

**Olivier Jankovec, Director General ACI EUROPE** commented "These latest traffic figures are a welcome piece of good news – and the summer months should hopefully continue this positive trend. However, passenger traffic still remains more than 10% below May 2008. On top of that, the comparatively minor increase in aircraft movements shows that airlines are clearly focusing on yields recovery, while remaining hesitant about opening new passenger routes or increasing frequencies. There is still lot of ground to make up, if we are to get back the passenger volumes we had before the global crisis."

The accumulated figure for **passenger** traffic **January to May 2010** increased by **+1.5%** compared with the corresponding period 2009. The accumulated figure for **freight** traffic during **January to May** increased by **+24.3%** and **movements** decreased by **-2.8%** during the corresponding period when compared with 2009.

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 increase of **+3.6%**, **+5.5%**, **+5.9%** and **+7.0%** respectively when compared with May 2009. However, the same comparison of May 2010 with May 2008 demonstrates an average decrease of **-4.9%**, **-6.8%**, **-6.2%** and **-2.5%** respectively, reflecting that there is still a lot of traffic to recover.

Examples of airports that experienced the highest increase in passenger traffic per group, when comparing May 2010 with May 2009, include:

- **Group 1 airports** – Munich (**+8.0%**), Istanbul IST (**+7.4%**), Frankfurt (**+7.1%**) and Amsterdam (**+5.3%**)
- **Group 2 airports** – Antalya (**+27.8%**), Moscow DME (**+19.8%**), Copenhagen (**+12.0%**) and Hamburg (**+11.7%**)
- **Group 3 airports** – Istanbul SAW (**+98.2%**), Ankara (**+24.7%**), Moscow VKO (**+23.6%**) and Berlin SXF (**+11.9%**)
- **Group 4 airports** – Ohrid (**+67.6%**), Brindisi (**+52.4%**), Charleroi (**+43.5%**) and Vilnius (**+22.3%**).

The 'ACI EUROPE Airport Traffic Report - May 2010' includes **117 airports** in total. These airports represent nearly 80% of total European passenger traffic.

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