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Strong growth continued in October with passenger traffic up 7.8%

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Brussels, 7 December 2017: European airport trade body, ACI EUROPE today releases its air traffic report for **October**. The report is the only industry report that includes all types of civil aviation passenger flights: full service, low-cost, regional and charter. It shows that during the month of October, **passenger traffic** at Europe's airports grew by **+7.8%** - slightly less than in September (+8.7%) but still broadly in line with the dynamic trend of the previous months.

It was also another month of impressive growth at **non-EU airports**, with volumes increasing by **+11.9%**. Russian, Ukrainian and Turkish airports continued to make significant gains, along with airports in Israel, Georgia and Iceland.

Meanwhile, **EU airports** maintained a robust pace in passenger traffic growth at +6.8% (+7.5% in September). As in previous months, airports in the less mature aviation markets east of the bloc tended to outperform, along with Portugal, Luxembourg, Malta and Cyprus – with most of these airports achieving double-digit growth.

Freight traffic across the European airport network averaged growth of **+6.2%**. **Aircraft movements** also remained robust at **+4.4%**.

During **October**, 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 adjustment +4.9%, +9.2%, +11.2% and +11.0%.

The airports that reported the highest increases in passenger traffic during October are as follows:

GROUP 1: Moscow SVO (+17.7%), Istanbul IST (+9.8%), Amsterdam-Schiphol (+7.9%), Moscow DME (+6.7%) and Oslo (+6.5%)

GROUP 2: St Petersburg (+28.1%), Warsaw WAW and Ankara (+23.7%), Antalya (+22.7%), Tel Aviv (+18.8%) and Bucharest OTP (+16.7%)

GROUP 3: Rome CIA (+112.1%), Naples (+28.7%), Venice (+20.8%), Kiev (+19.0%), Keflavik and Valencia (+18.7%)

GROUP 4: Grenoble (+2,294.0%), Foggia (+192.9%), Craiova (+143.6%), Nis (+107.0%) and Batumi (+63.7%)

The 'ACI EUROPE Airport Traffic Report - October 2017' includes 249 airports in total representing more than 88% of European air passenger traffic.

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