



ACI EUROPE RESOLUTION

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50 EUROPEAN AIRPORTS ACHIEVING CARBON NEUTRALITY BY 2030

Noting the commitment of the global aviation industry, represented by the Air Transport Action Group (ATAG), to cap net carbon emissions from aviation through carbon neutral growth as of 2020 and to halve the net aviation carbon emissions by 2050 compared to the level of 2005;

Noting that governments re-affirmed at the 38th ICAO Assembly in 2013 the goal of keeping net CO₂ emissions for the international aviation sector at the same levels from 2020;

Noting that carbon emissions generated by airport operations (energy and fuel used on site, emissions from aircraft during landing, take-off and taxiing and emissions generated by passenger and staff journeys to the airport) can account for up to 5% of total emissions from aviation;

Noting the Resolution of the 18th ACI EUROPE Assembly adopted in Paris on 19 June 2008, committing ACI EUROPE and its members to reduce carbon emissions from airport operations fully within their control with the ultimate target to become carbon neutral;

Noting the launch of *Airport Carbon Accreditation* in Manchester on 16 June 2009, initially established as a European wide programme allowing airports to follow a common framework for the measurement, reporting and reduction of carbon emissions with the possibility of becoming carbon neutral;

Noting the extension of *Airport Carbon Accreditation* to all other ACI regions: Asia Pacific (2011), Africa (2013), North America (2014) and Latin America & Caribbean (2014);

Noting the success of *Airport Carbon Accreditation* in engaging airports to measure, report and reduce their carbon emissions with 132 airports in 41 countries participating and certified under the programme— accounting for close to 30.2 % of global air passengers;¹

Noting that European airports participating in the programme now represent 63.9% of all European air passenger traffic;

Noting that during 2014/15, accredited airports have collectively achieved a reduction of CO₂ emissions by 212,000 tonnes;

¹ As of 7 October 2015

Noting that 20 European airports have achieved carbon neutrality² through their certification in *Airport Carbon Accreditation*;

Noting that the 21st Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP21) taking place in Paris from 30 November to 11 December 2015 aims to achieve a universal agreement on climate, with the objective of keeping global warming below 2°C;

Re-affirming the commitment of the European airport industry to carbon emissions reduction, as expressed in the Resolution of the 18th ACI EUROPE Assembly in 2008;

Wishing to contribute to the ambitions of COP21 by further committing to carbon neutrality through a specific target;

Resolves that:

- 1. ACI EUROPE and its members commit to continue to reduce carbon emissions from airport operations;**
- 2. ACI EUROPE and its members commit that by 2030, 50 airports across Europe will be certified by *Airport Carbon Accreditation* as achieving carbon neutrality status, for carbon emissions from airport operations fully within their control.**

² As of 7 October 2015