

# Passenger traffic up by 8.2% across the European airport network in May

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**Brussels, 7 July 2017:** European airport trade association, ACI EUROPE today releases its traffic report for **May 2017** – the latest indication of airport traffic performance in Europe.

**Passenger traffic** kept growing strongly in May, with an average increase across geographical Europe of **+8.2%**, compared to the same month last year. Both the EU and non-EU markets fueled the dynamic, with passenger traffic increasing respectively by **+7.7%** and **+9.9%**.

The Southern and Eastern parts of the EU clearly outperformed the bloc's average – with a total of 15 countries reporting double digit growth including Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania and Slovenia.

In the non-EU bloc, Russian airports led the dynamic in passenger traffic along with airports in Iceland, Georgia, Ukraine and Moldova. Turkey's airports reported a mixed yet gradually improving performance, primarily attributable to the recovery of the Turkish tourism sector - and in particular the return of Russian tourists.

Amongst the top 20 European airports, Antalya (+36.5%), Moscow-Domodedovo (+19.1%) and Moscow-Sheremetyevo (+17.2%) registered the highest increase in passenger traffic.

Looking at the Majors (top 5 European airports), Amsterdam-Schiphol posted the strongest performance (+8.1%), followed by Frankfurt (+5.7%), Paris-Charles de Gaulle (+3.7%), capacity constrained London-Heathrow (+2.9%) and Istanbul-Ataturk (+0.2%).

**Freight traffic** posted an impressive monthly performance of **+12.2%** on the back of improved economic conditions globally and a rebound in international trade. **Aircraft movements** were up by **+4.2%**, mostly aligned with previous months and reflecting solid airline capacity expansion driven by Low Cost Carriers.

During the month of **May**, 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 **+5.1%**, **+11.8%**, **+8.8%** and **+10.8%**.

The airports which reported the highest increases in passenger traffic during May 2017 (compared with May 2016) are as follows:

**GROUP 1:** Moscow DME (+**19.1%**), Moscow SVO (+**17.2%**), Manchester (+**12.1%**), Amsterdam (+**8.1%**) and Barcelona (+**6.9%**)

**GROUP 2:** Antalya (+**36.5%**), St Petersburg (+**26%**), Warsaw (+**22.1%**), Prague (+**21.1%**) and Birmingham (+**19.5%**)

**GROUP 3:** Kiev (+**28.8%**), Naples (+**26.6%**), Keflavik (+**22.8%**), Faro (+**16.9%**) and Porto (+**15.1%**)

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**GROUP 4:** Bucharest BBU (+**821.4%**), Nis (+**357.3%**), Oradea (+**219.6%**), Arad (+**123.5%**) and Kutaisi (+**100.7%**)

The **ACI EUROPE Airport Traffic Report – May 2017** includes 242 airports in total representing more than 88% of European air passenger traffic.

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### **Notes to Editors**

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To access our **Airport Traffic Analyser App**, go to [www.aci-europe.org/trafficapp](http://www.aci-europe.org/trafficapp)

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