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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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