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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