

## **Kallas congratulates Budapest Airport on becoming *Airport Carbon Accredited***

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**Budapest, 4 March 2011:** At the European Air Traffic Movements conference, taking place yesterday and today under the Hungarian Presidency of the EU, European Commission Vice President in charge of Transport, Siim Kallas presented Budapest Airport with the certificate for its first achievement within ***Airport Carbon Accreditation***.

***Airport Carbon Accreditation*** is the European standard for carbon management and reduction by airports. It is an independent, institutionally endorsed<sup>1</sup> annual certification programme, comprised of 4 progressive levels of accreditation: *Mapping, Reduction, Optimisation and Neutrality*.

**Budapest Airport** became accredited at the *Mapping* level, thanks to their achievement in mapping the CO2 emissions under their direct control, with commitment to better carbon management in the future.

**Olivier Jankovec, Director General** of European airports trade body, **ACI EUROPE** said "*Budapest Airport is a perfect example of a new breed of airport developing in Eastern Europe. In becoming accredited today, they are taking the first step to better carbon management in both their daily operations and their long term strategy.*"

Presenting the certificate, **Siim Kallas, European Commission Vice-President in charge of Transport** commented "*I congratulate Budapest Airport on this achievement. Their accreditation, along with the recent accreditation of Chisinau Airport and the renewal of Dubrovnik Airport is proof that this programme is not restricted to the larger airports of Western Europe. I believe that Airport Carbon Accreditation is playing a crucial role in helping move European aviation onto a more sustainable footing.*"

**Jost Lammers, Budapest Airport CEO** said "*It is a great honor for us to receive this carbon certification. Let me first of all thank all my colleagues working in the Environmental Directorate of Budapest Airport, whose hard and devoted work made possible this great step in the life of our airport. We now all know that the less CO2 emissions we make, the nearer we are to sustainable economic and social model of development. We want to reach our long-term goal of carbon-neutral operations for our airport.*"

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**A photo of the ceremony is downloadable from:**

[http://www.aci-europe.org/budapest\\_airport\\_carbon\\_accredited.html](http://www.aci-europe.org/budapest_airport_carbon_accredited.html)

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### **Notes for Editors:**

<sup>1</sup>The programme is administered by leading consultancy WSP Environment & Energy and overseen by an independent Advisory Board including representatives of the European Commission, ECAC (European Civil Aviation Conference), EUROCONTROL and UNEP (United Nations Environmental Programme).

Since the launch of the ***Airport Carbon Accreditation*** in June 2009, **more than 40 airports in 18 European countries** have become accredited by the programme. These airports represent over **43%** of European air passenger traffic.

Press release

For further information about **Airport Carbon Accreditation**, including an up-to-the-minute list of accredited airports, please visit [www.airportcarbonaccreditation.org/participants](http://www.airportcarbonaccreditation.org/participants)

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