

## Airports step up climate efforts in line with the Paris Agreement

*5 more airports upgrade to the highest levels of Airport Carbon Accreditation as COP27 unfolds, showcasing the unwavering climate ambition of the industry*

**10 November 2022** – As the landmark UN climate summit, COP27, is underway in Sharm El Sheikh, ACI has today announced the latest developments in its *Airport Carbon Accreditation* programme, highlighting the advances made by the global airport community to address the climate emergency.

### **Airport climate action – continuously raising the bar**

Against the background of climate impact worsening, and the window of a +1.5°C world rapidly closing, the focus is more than ever on moving from commitment to concrete and tangible action. The airport industry has been working tirelessly to reduce its carbon emissions through *Airport Carbon Accreditation* since 2009 – delivering concrete reductions of emissions under their direct control year after year, as well as engaging with their business partners to foster carbon reductions by third parties active within their premises.

In 2020, noting the increased need for deeper carbon cuts and in step with the rising ambition of airports around the world expressed in the industry's commitments to Net Zero by 2050<sup>1</sup>, ACI launched the first major, structural change to the programme since its inception: two new accreditation levels - Level 4 **Transformation** and Level 4+ **Transition** crucially linking airports' climate efforts with the objectives of the Paris Agreement.

The introduction of these two new levels marked a shift in the ambition level of the programme, by setting out further obligations for accredited airports to **formulate a long-**

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<sup>1</sup> ACI EUROPE Press Release, 26 June 2019: [Europe's airport industry commits to net zero CO2 emissions by 2050](#)  
ACI World Press Release, 8 June 2021: [Net zero by 2050: ACI sets global long term carbon goal for airports](#)

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**term climate objective in line with the 1.5°C or 2°C pathways outlined by the IPCC**, and defining a concrete plan to achieve it, including interim milestones to measure progress and take stock of the realised CO<sub>2</sub> curbs. The two new levels have also gone beyond focusing on absolute emissions reductions of Scope 1 and 2 emissions by requiring airports to map carbon emissions from an extended number of sources and establish formal partnerships with companies active at their sites to guide and help them in decarbonising.

Since the launch of the two new levels, **43 airports** around the world, including major hubs and regional airports alike, have already embraced their ambition. A total of 20 airports have achieved Transformation (Level 4) and 23 airports upgraded to Transition (Level 4+). Today, another **five** airports have met all the stringent requirements to receive these accolades. Level 4+ was achieved by **London City** (United Kingdom) and **Lyon** (France) airports, while **San Francisco International** (United States), **Marseille Provence** (France) and **Zurich** (Switzerland) airports secured Level 4.

### Receiving praise from the UNFCCC

Airports' extensive climate efforts within the *Airport Carbon Accreditation* programme have been applauded by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

**Niclas Svenningsen, UNFCCC Manager, Outreach** said: *"To achieve the deep transformation needed for sustainable development and stabilisation of global temperature, we must require commitments and participation from all sectors and levels of society. I commend airports for their continued efforts to map and reduce their CO<sub>2</sub> emissions year by year, as well as to engage their business partners in this endeavour. The Airport Carbon Accreditation programme is evolving in step with the level of urgency to act now for our climate. Having introduced two new more ambitious levels aligned with the ambition of the Paris Agreement, and seeing almost fifty major airports around the world embracing them, airports are sending a strong signal to other parts of the economy to follow with ambitious climate action today."*

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## ANNEX I – ACCREDITATION UPDATE

With more than 400 airports actively addressing their emissions at one of the six available levels, the programme keeps expanding in all world regions, bringing new airports on board with carbon management. The latest entries include: **Maastricht Aachen Airport** in the Netherlands (Level 2), **Ängelholm Helsingborg Airport** in Sweden (Level 3+), **Aurillac-Tronquières Airport** (Level 2) and **Le Puy-en-Velay Loudes Airport** (Level 2) in France and three Brazilian airports: **Florianópolis Hercílio Luz**, **Vitoria International** and **Macaé - Joaquim de Azevedo Mancebo** all joining at Level 1.

The momentum for airport climate action can also be measured through upgrades achieved at the initial levels of the framework. **Aberdeen Airport** in Scotland upgraded to Level 3+ 'Neutrality'. **Saint-Nazaire Montoir** and **Nantes Atlantique** airports in France have met the demands of Level 3 'Optimisation', as did **Aguascalientes Airport** (Level 3) in Mexico. Level 2 'Reduction' was achieved by **La Rochelle**, **Ancenis**, **Le Havre-Octeville** and **Limoges** airports in France, while in Latin America and the Caribbean, **Martinique Aimé Césaire**, and three Mexican airports: **Hermosillo**, **Tijuana** and **Los Mochis** are now actively reducing their emissions at this level.

## ANNEX II – LIST OF LEVEL 4/4+ ACCREDITED AIRPORTS

REGION	LEVEL	OPERATOR	AIRPORT	COUNTRY	IATA CODE
Europe	4	Aéroport Marseille Provence SA	Marseille Provence	France	MRS
Asia Pacific	4	Christchurch International Airport Limited	Christchurch	New Zealand	CHC
North America	4	City of Phoenix - Aviation Department	Phoenix Sky Harbor	United States	PHX
Europe	4	EuroAirport Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg	Basel-Mulhouse	France/ Switzerland	BSL
Europe	4	Flughafen Zurich AG	Zurich	Switzerland	ZRH
Europe	4	Groupe ADP	Paris-Charles de Gaulle	France	CDG
Europe	4	Groupe ADP	Paris-Le Bourget	France	LBG
Europe	4	Groupe ADP	Paris-Orly	France	ORY

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North America	4	GTAA	Toronto Pearson	Canada	YYZ
Asia Pacific	4	VINCI Airports - Kansai Airports	Osaka	Japan	ITM
Asia Pacific	4	VINCI Airports - Kansai Airports	Kansai	Japan	KIX
Asia Pacific	4	VINCI Airports - Kansai Airports Kobe	Kobe Airport	Japan	UKB
North America	4	The City and County of San Francisco	San Francisco International	Canada	SFO
Europe	4	VINCI Airports - ANA Aeroportos de Portugal S.A.	Faro	Portugal	FAO
Europe	4	VINCI Airports - ANA Aeroportos de Portugal S.A.	Flores	Portugal	FLW
Europe	4	VINCI Airports - ANA Aeroportos de Portugal S.A.	Madeira	Portugal	FNC
Europe	4	VINCI Airports - ANA Aeroportos de Portugal S.A.	Horta	Portugal	HOR
Europe	4	VINCI Airports - ANA Aeroportos de Portugal S.A.	Lisbon	Portugal	LIS
Europe	4	VINCI Airports - ANA Aeroportos de Portugal S.A.	Porto Airport	Portugal	OPO
Europe	4	VINCI Airports - ANA Aeroportos de Portugal S.A.	Ponta Delgada	Portugal	PDL
Europe	4	VINCI Airports - ANA Aeroportos de Portugal S.A.	Porto Santo	Portugal	PXO
Europe	4	VINCI Airports - ANA Aeroportos de Portugal S.A.	Santa Maria	Portugal	SMA
Europe	4+	Aeroporti di Roma	Rome Ciampino	Italy	CIA
Europe	4+	Aeroporti di Roma	Leonardo da Vinci-Fiumicino Airport	Italy	FCO
Europe	4+	Aéroports de la Côte d'Azur	Cannes-Mandelieu	France	CEQ
Europe	4+	Aéroports de la Côte d'Azur	Saint Tropez	France	LTT
Europe	4+	Aéroports de la Côte d'Azur	Nice Côte d'Azur	France	NCE
Asia Pacific	4+	Airport International Group	Queen Alia	Jordan	AMM
Asia Pacific	4+	Delhi International Airport (P) Ltd	Indira Gandhi	India	DEL
North America	4+	DFW International Airport	Dallas Fort Worth	United States	DFW

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Europe	4+	Eindhoven Airport NV	Eindhoven	Kingdom of the Netherlands	EIN
Europe	4+	Finavia Corporation	Helsinki-Vantaa	Finland	HEL
Europe	4+	Finavia Corporation	Ivalo	Finland	IVL
Europe	4+	Finavia Corporation	Kuusamo	Finland	KAO
Europe	4+	Finavia Corporation	Kittilä	Finland	KTT
Europe	4+	Finavia Corporation	Rovaniemi Airport	Finland	RVN
Europe	4+	Heathrow Airport Ltd	Heathrow	United Kingdom	LHR
Europe	4+	London City Airport Ltd	London City	United Kingdom	LCY
Europe	4+	Rotterdam The Hague Airport	Rotterdam The Hague Airport	Kingdom of the Netherlands	RTM
Europe	4+	Royal Schiphol Group	Amsterdam Schiphol	Kingdom of the Netherlands	AMS
North America	4+	San Diego County Regional Airport Authority	San Diego International	United States	SAN
Europe	4+	SAVE S.p.A.	Venice	Italy	VCE
Europe	4+	SEA Milan Airports	Milan Malpensa	Italy	MXP
Europe	4+	SEA Milan Airports	Milan Linate	Italy	LIN
Europe	4+	Swedavia	Göteborg	Sweden	GOT
Europe	4+	Swedavia	Stockholm-Arlanda	Sweden	ARN
North America	4+	Vancouver Airport Authority	Vancouver	Canada	YVR
Europe	4+	VINCI Airports - Aéroports de Lyon	Lyon Airport	France	LYS

## NOTES FOR EDITORS:

*Airport Carbon Accreditation* is the only institutionally-endorsed, global carbon management certification programme for airports. It independently assesses and recognises the efforts of airports to manage and reduce their carbon emissions through 6 levels of certification: 'Mapping', 'Reduction', 'Optimisation', 'Neutrality', 'Transformation' and 'Transition'.

Through its 6 levels of certification, *Airport Carbon Accreditation* acknowledges that airports are at different stages in their journey towards comprehensive carbon management. It is a programme for airports of all sizes, extending beyond hubs and regional airports with scheduled passenger traffic, to include general aviation and freight-focused airports.

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