

Airport Carbon Accreditation reports latest progress at Aviation & Environment Summit

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Brussels, 16 September 2010: At this year's Aviation and Environment Summit taking place in Geneva today and tomorrow, assembled stakeholders in the air transport industry received an update on the collective efforts by European airports to reduce their CO₂ emissions.

Since its launch in June 2009, *Airport Carbon Accreditation* has already certified 22 airports in 12 European countries. The institutionally endorsed¹ programme independently assesses² and recognises airports' efforts to manage and reduce their CO₂ emissions. There are 4 different levels of accreditation (*Mapping, Reduction, Optimisation and Neutrality*).

In the past 3 months, four new participants have become *Airport Carbon Accredited*: these are **Brussels Airport** in Belgium, **Ankara Esenboga Airport** and **Antalya Airport** in Turkey and **Umea City Airport** in Sweden.

Airport Carbon Accredited status has already been awarded to some of the busiest airports in Europe such as **Paris CDG, Frankfurt Airport, Amsterdam-Schiphol, Stockholm-Arlanda** and **Oslo Airport**.

Olivier Jankovec, Director General ACI EUROPE said "With all of the difficulties European aviation has been experiencing in the past 2 years, I am genuinely heartened to see so many airports tackling their CO₂ emissions with such unwavering commitment. Some are just beginning the process, while others are already well advanced, but **carbon neutrality** – not just carbon neutral growth – for Europe's airports remains the goal."

He added "It's worth keeping in mind that this is still a very young programme – yet the achieved reduction of **411,637 tonnes of CO₂** is already a good start. The airports accredited to date account for **26% of European passenger traffic**. In just 15 months, **Airport Carbon Accreditation** has already established itself as a scientifically robust and authoritative industry standard for carbon mapping and carbon management at airports. We are proud of these results and you can rest assured that we will continue our efforts to encourage more airports to become **Airport Carbon Accredited**."

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Notes for editors:

The IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) has estimated that aviation's total CO₂ emissions account for 2% of global emissions' impact on climate change. Of that figure, airports' own operations only account for up to 5%, but European airports are keen to tackle their greenhouse gas emissions – several individual airports operators having already committed to becoming carbon neutral in the past few years with some having already achieved this.

¹ 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).

²**WSP Environment & Energy** is the administrator of *Airport Carbon Accreditation*. It is one of the world's largest environmental consultancy firms employing over 1,000 staff globally to provide innovative solutions to environment-related business issues. WSP Environment & Energy leads the field in carbon and climate change advice.

More information is available: <http://www.wspenvironmental.com/>

Airports that are **Airport Carbon Accredited** to date:

Aéroports de Paris

- CDG Airport, France
- Orly Airport, France

Athens International Airport, Greece

Avinor

- Oslo Airport, Norway
- Kristiansand Airport, Norway
- Trondheim Airport, Norway

Bologna Airport, Italy

Brussels Airport, Belgium

Dubrovnik Airport, Croatia

Fraport: Frankfurt Airport, Germany

ICF Airports: Antalya Airport, Turkey

MAG: Manchester Airport, UK

Schiphol Group: Amsterdam Airport Schiphol, the Netherlands

SEA Milan Airports

- Milan-Linate, Italy
- Milan-Malpensa, Italy

Swedavia

- Stockholm-Arlanda Airport, Sweden
- Stockholm-Bromma Airport, Sweden
- Umea City Airport, Sweden

TAG Aviation: Farnborough Airport

TAV Airports Holding

- Ankara Esenboga Airport, Turkey
- Istanbul Airport, Turkey
- Izmir Adnan Menderes International Airport, Turkey

For further information about **Airport Carbon Accreditation**, including an up to the minute list of accredited airport participants, please visit www.airportcarbonaccreditation.org

For further information about aviation and the environment please go to: www.enviro.aero

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