

Airport Carbon Accreditation celebrates one year since launch – cumulative CO₂ reductions of over 400,000 tonnes

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Milan, 17 June 2010: At its 20th Annual Congress in Milan this week, European airport trade body ACI EUROPE marked the one year anniversary of the launch of *Airport Carbon Accreditation*, giving an update on the programme.

The institutionally endorsed¹ programme independently assesses² and recognises airports' efforts to manage and reduce their CO₂ emissions and certifies airports at 4 different levels of accreditation (*Mapping, Reduction, Optimisation* and *Neutrality*). In the past twelve months, *Airport Carbon Accredited* status has been awarded to a total of 18 airports, including some of the busiest airports in Europe such as **Paris CDG, Frankfurt Airport, Amsterdam-Schiphol, Stockholm-Arlanda** and **Oslo Airport**.

The geographical spread of airports which have already become accredited covers the wider European continent – including airports as far North as **Trondheim Airport**, as far West as **Manchester Airport**, as far as South as **Athens International Airport** and as far East as **Istanbul Airport**.

ACI EUROPE's 20th Annual Congress in Milan this week also coincides with the first renewed accreditation of the programme - host **SEA Milan Airports**. The company has succeeded with the accreditation applications of both **Milan-Malpensa Airport** and **Milan-Linate Airport**, achieving the *Neutrality* level – the highest accreditation possible. This level recognises that the airports have achieved a significant reduction in their carbon emissions, actively engaging stakeholders on its site to lower their respective emissions and finally, offsetting any of the remaining CO₂ emissions that are under its direct control.

Ad Rutten, President of ACI EUROPE and COO of the Schiphol Group said "*With all that has been going on in European aviation in the past 12 months, it is heartening to see so many airports tackling their CO₂ emissions with such dedication. Some are just beginning the process, while others are already well advanced, but carbon neutrality for European airports remains the goal.*"

He added "*The achieved reduction of **411,390 tonnes of CO₂** is a good start, but watch this space. We already have clear signs of commitment from a further 20 airports that they will apply for accreditation in year two.*"

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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.

¹At last year's launch of *Airport Carbon Accreditation* in June, over 30 airports – accounting for 26% of European passenger traffic – committed to becoming *Airport Carbon Accredited*. The programme is comprised of 4 progressive levels of accreditation: *Mapping, Reduction, Optimisation* and *Neutrality*. 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 have become **Airport Carbon Accredited** to date:

- **Aéroports de Paris:** CDG Airport, France
- **Aéroports de Paris:** Orly Airport, France

- **Athens International Airport,** Greece

- **Avinor:** Oslo Airport, Norway
- **Avinor:** Kristiansand Airport, Norway
- **Avinor:** Trondheim Airport, Norway

- **Bologna Airport,** Italy

- **Dubrovnik Airport,** Croatia

- **Fraport:** Frankfurt Airport, Germany

- **MAG:** Manchester Airport, UK

- **Schiphol Group:** Amsterdam Airport Schiphol, the Netherlands

- **SEA Aeroporti di Milano:** Milan-Linate, Italy
- **SEA Aeroporti di Milano:** Milan-Malpensa, Italy

- **Swedavia:** Stockholm-Arlanda Airport, Sweden
- **Swedavia:** Stockholm-Bromma Airport, Sweden

- **TAG Aviation:** Farnborough Airport, UK

- **TAV Airports Holding:** Izmir Adnan Menderes International Airport, Turkey
- **TAV Airports Holding:** Istanbul Airport, Turkey

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

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