

# European airports double their pledge: 100 carbon neutral airports by 2030

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**Paris, 13 June 2017:** As the 27<sup>th</sup> ACI EUROPE Annual Congress formally kicked off in Paris this morning, the European airport industry renewed its commitment to reducing airports' impact on Climate change, announcing it was doubling its carbon neutrality target for 2030.

## BACKGROUND

During the COP21 climate negotiations in December 2015, the membership of the European airport association ACI EUROPE committed to having 50 carbon neutral airports by 2030.

## ANOTHER POSITIVE STEP TAKEN IN PARIS

Announcing the new commitment, **Augustin de Romanet, President of ACI EUROPE and President & CEO of Groupe ADP** said "*Europe's airports are fully behind the objective of keeping global warming well below 2°C and aiming to reach 1.5°C. For its part, the airport industry has already moved from words to actions a while ago, through the independent carbon management programme, Airport Carbon Accreditation\**".

*At the last count, of the 116 European airports that are certified under the Airport Carbon Accreditation programme, 27 of them are now carbon neutral<sup>1</sup>. This means that we are already more than half way to our initial commitment."*

He added "*So we thought we could do even better. And looking at how some have just stepped out from the Paris Agreement, we thought that we definitely needed to do better.* So I am extremely proud today to announce that we are doubling our commitment – ACI EUROPE and the European airport industry are now committing to have **100 carbon neutral airports by 2030.**"

Today's announcement is supported by specific commitments by a further 26 airports in Europe, to become carbon neutral.<sup>2</sup>

**Niclas Svenningsen**, who heads the *Climate Neutral Now* initiative at the **United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)** Secretariat commented "*Less than two years ago here in Paris, 195 countries signed to Paris Agreement under the motto of "We can, We must, We will". Today's announcement by ACI EUROPE about its increased climate neutral ambition is very much in the same spirit and sets a great example for other industries and sectors to follow. We at UNFCCC welcome the continued efforts of the airport industry and support all the airports that are taking action to combat climate change.*"

## LATEST REDUCTION RESULTS ANNOUNCED

ACI EUROPE also released the latest CO2 reduction for the past year of certifications of the *Airport Carbon Accreditation* programme in Europe: **154,351 tonnes of CO2** saved – equivalent to the CO2 emitted by 64,582 households over the course of a year.

With its 4 gradual levels The *Airport Carbon Accreditation* programme has certified some 190 airports across the world in the past 12 months. Full details of the reduction achieved at Global level will be released in September this year.

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de Romanet concluded "*For airports, carbon management is as much about being at the forefront of corporate and social responsibility as it is about business continuity. Climate change poses a significant risk to the airport industry\*\* – changes in rainfall, temperature variations, sea-level rise, changes in wind patterns – all of these have potentially severe implications for our industry, for the wider air transport sector and for European connectivity.*"

**## ENDS ##**

### **Note to Editors:**

To view the full text of the ACI EUROPE Resolution for 100 Carbon Neutral Airports by 2030, visit: <https://www.aci-europe.org/component/downloads/downloads/5103.html>

The IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) has estimated that aviation's total CO<sub>2</sub> emissions account for 2% of global emissions' impact on climate change. Of that figure, airports' own operations only account for up to 5%.

*Airport Carbon Accreditation* certifies airports at **4 different levels of accreditation** (*Mapping, Reduction, Optimisation and Neutrality*). It is independently administered<sup>o</sup>, institutionally-endorsed and has already won praise from the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the European Commission (EC).

**1 The 27 airports currently certified as carbon neutral** are:

Aeroporti di Roma	Rome Fiumicino	IT	<b>FCO</b>
Aéroports de Lyon	Lyon-Saint Exupéry	FR	<b>LYS</b>
Athens International Airport	Athens	GR	<b>ATH</b>
Avinor	Oslo	NO	<b>OSL</b>
Avinor	Trondheim	NO	<b>TRD</b>
Eindhoven Airport	Eindhoven	NL	<b>EIN</b>
ICF Airports	Antalya	TR	<b>AYT</b>
London Gatwick	London Gatwick	UK	<b>LGW</b>
Manchester Airport Group	East Midlands	UK	<b>EMA</b>
Manchester Airport Group	Manchester	UK	<b>MAN</b>
Nice Cote D'Azur Airport	Nice	FR	<b>NCE</b>
SAVE S.p.A.	Venice Marco Polo	IT	<b>VCE</b>
Schiphol Group	Amsterdam	NL	<b>AMS</b>
SEA Milan	Linate	IT	<b>LIN</b>
SEA Milan	Malpensa	IT	<b>MXP</b>
Swedavia	Are Ostersund	SE	<b>OSD</b>
Swedavia	Gothenburg	SE	<b>GOT</b>
Swedavia	Kiruna	SE	<b>KRN</b>
Swedavia	Lulea	SE	<b>LLA</b>
Swedavia	Malmo	SE	<b>MMX</b>
Swedavia	Ronneby	SE	<b>RNB</b>
Swedavia	Stockholm-Arlanda	SE	<b>ARN</b>
Swedavia	Stockholm-Bromma	SE	<b>BMA</b>
Swedavia	Umea	SE	<b>UME</b>
Swedavia	Visby	SE	<b>VBY</b>
TAV	Ankara	TR	<b>ESB</b>
TAV	Izmir	TR	<b>ADB</b>

- 2** The additional 26 airports that have today specifically declared that they will become carbon neutral include airports operated by these companies:  
<https://www.aci-europe.org/component/downloads/downloads/5104.html>

For full details of the levels of accreditation of each European airport certified in Year 8 of the programme (June 2016 to June 2017), visit the interactive, dedicated Annual Results microsite: [www.airportCO2.org](http://www.airportCO2.org)

- The programme is administered by **WSP** and overseen by an independent Advisory Board including representatives from ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organisation), UNFCCC (the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change), UNEP (United Nations Environment Programme), the European Commission, ECAC (European Civil Aviation Conference), EUROCONTROL, the US Federal Aviation Administration and Manchester Metropolitan University.

In 2013, the programme was selected as one of the Top 3 low carbon initiatives for Europe in the European Commission's *World You Like Contest* and has also been highly commended at the International Transport Forum's Transport Achievement Awards in 2014.

\* Please note, the reduction figure provided adheres to strict scientific assessment of the carbon emissions under the direct control of the airport operator. Additional reductions are achieved through collaboration with others on the airport site (Level 3 and 3+ of the *Airport Carbon Accreditation* programme) and carbon emissions offset by those at Level 3+ of the programme.

\*\* To find out more about the potential implications of Climate Change on airports, download the EUROCONTROL / ACI EUROPE & partners, Climate Resilience Factsheet here:  
<http://www.eurocontrol.int/sites/default/files/content/documents/official-documents/factsheets/aviation-climate-resilience-factsheet-2014.pdf>

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