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Budapest Airport boosts business with the Balkans

Budapest Airport has welcomed five strategically important new connections with Wizz Air, the ultra-low-cost carrier now linking the Hungarian gateway to five capitals in the Balkans region: Skopje (Macedonia), Podgorica (Montenegro), Tirana (Albania), Pristina (Kosovo) and Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina).

Speaking at today's press conference, Jost Lammers, CEO, Budapest Airport said: "The launch of Wizz Air's latest links is a significant step in re-establishing good connections between Hungary and important economic destinations in the Balkan Peninsula. Working closely with Wizz Air we have ensured Budapest's accessibility in the region, as well as further improving business relations between the countries." He added: "Wizz Air carried 3.3 million passengers on its Budapest routes last year and now, along with its latest additions to our network map, we look forward to ensuring the continued growth of one of our largest airline partner's services."

Facing no direct competition on any of the routes, Budapest's home-based carrier has launched twice-weekly services to each of the five Balkan Peninsula destinations seeing the Hungarian capital city grow its scheduled route network to 41 countries non-stop this summer.



Photo caption: Budapest Airport celebrates the significant launch of Wizz Air's new links to five capital cities in the Balkans. "Working with our largest airline partner we have achieved good connections between Hungary and important economic destinations in the Balkan Peninsula, further improving business relations between the countries," states Jost Lammers, CEO, Budapest Airport (far right) at today's press conference which included guests: (left to right) Korab Mushkolaj, Consul of Kosovo to Hungary; Arian Spasse, Ambassador of Albania to Hungary; Dervishaj Sokol, Albanian Minister of Transport and Infrastructure; Igor Esmerov, Ambassador of Macedonia to Hungary; Jozsef Varadi, CEO, Wizz Air; Dr. Robert Homolya, State Secretary, Department of Transportation, Ministry of National Development; Aleksandar Mostrokol, Ambassador of Montenegro to Hungary; and Aleksandar Dragičević, Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina to Hungary.

Notes for Editors

- Budapest Airport Zrt. is the operator of Budapest Airport. It is owned by an international consortium of investors, led by the privately-owned German company AviAlliance, an independent airport manager holding a 55.438% stake, together with Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (21.228%), and Malton Investment Pte Ltd. (23.334%).
- Budapest Airport welcomed more than 11.4 million passengers in 2016, flying on the airport's services to 111 destinations across 38 countries.
- Monthly passenger traffic growth March 2017 has exceeded +12.1%.
- Budapest Airport's route development includes:
 - Already launched:
 - easyJet three times weekly service to Amsterdam, 6 February 2017;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Faro, 1 April 2017;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Skopje, 2 April 2017;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Podgorica, 3 April 2017;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Tirana, 5 April 2017;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Sarajevo, 5 April 2017.

To launch:

- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Pristina, starting 7 April 2017;
- Wizz Air four times weekly service to Hannover, starting 10 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Bergen, starting 10 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Lamezia Terme, starting 12 April 2017;
- Flybe three times weekly service to London Southend, starting 4 May 2017;
- Ukraine International Airlines, daily service to Kiev Boryspil, starting 15 June 2017;
- TAP Portugal daily service to Lisbon, starting 1 July 2017;
- Wizz Air, twice-weekly service to Bordeaux, starting 22 September 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Lviv, starting 25 October 2017;
- Ryanair five times weekly service to Prague, starting 29 October 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Marrakech, starting 30 October 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Valencia, starting 30 October 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Edinburgh, starting 30 October 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Naples, starting 30 October 2017;
- Wizz Air daily service to Frankfurt, starting 15 December 2017.

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