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## **11,111,111 passengers: Cologne Bonn breezes past 11 million barrier**

Cologne Bonn Airport has celebrated its 11,111,111<sup>th</sup> passenger, marking the highest ever number of passengers served in the airport's history. The German airport has breezed past another passenger traffic milestone having welcomed its 11 millionth passenger last week. Driven by the airport's expansion of its route network and airline partners, Cologne Bonn has experienced an impressive +16% passenger traffic growth through to end-November 2016.

The outstanding landmark was marked when passenger Seymen Splinter arrived on a Eurowings flight from Hamburg to Cologne Bonn, greeted by Michael Garvens, Chairman of the Management Board, Cologne Bonn Airport, and Michael Knitter, Member of Executive Board, Eurowings. "The record numbers are lined up at the airport this year like a pearl chain. The 11,111,111<sup>th</sup> passenger to arrive at our airport is a significant symbol of Cologne Bonn's growth this year," exclaims Garvens.

Cologne Bonn remains the fastest growing airport in Germany, with the arrival of Eurowings' long-haul routes and the growth of the low-cost carriers, notably Ryanair, boosting the airport's development. By the end of December, Cologne Bonn expects to have smashed this milestone and welcome 11.8 million passengers overall, a considerable +14% growth in passenger traffic.



**Photo caption:** Michael Garvens, Chairman of the Management Board, Cologne Bonn Airport, welcomes the airport's 11,111,111<sup>th</sup> passenger Seymen Splinter off his Eurowings' flight from Hamburg on Monday 5 December, along with Michael Knitter, Member of the Executive Board, Eurowings.

#### Notes for Editors

- Flughafen Köln/Bonn GmbH is the operator of Cologne Bonn Airport. The public enterprise is owned by a consortium of shareholders, jointly-led by the Federal Republic of Germany (30.94%), and the Federal State of North Rhine-Westphalia (30.94%), together with the City of Cologne (31.12%), the City of Bonn (6.06%), the Rhein-Sieg district (0.59%), and the Rheinisch Bergisch district (0.35%).
- Cologne Bonn Airport welcomed 10.3 million passengers in 2015, flying on the airport's services to 119 destinations across 42 countries, and handled 758,000 tonnes of cargo.
- Average passenger traffic growth in the period to end-November 2016 has exceeded +16% (11,102,115 passengers).
- Cologne Bonn Airport's route development 2016 includes:
  - Already launched since September:
    - Eurowings thrice-weekly service to Miami, 1 September 2016;
    - Eurowings twice-weekly service to Salalah, 1 October 2016;
    - Ryanair daily service to Sofia, 6 September 2016;
    - SunExpress Germany twice-weekly service to Agadir, 1 November 2016; (charter);
    - People's Viennaline 10 times weekly service to Friedrichshafen, 2 November 2016;
    - Eurowings weekly service to Santo Domingo, 15 November 2016 (charter).
  - To launch:
    - Eurowings weekly service to Havana, starting 15 December 2016;
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Craiova, starting 27 March 2017;
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Tuzla, starting 27 March 2017;
    - Eurowings weekly service to Zakynthos, starting 6 May 2017.

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