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## Record growth at Cologne Bonn

Welcoming 1.6 million more passengers last year than in 2015, Cologne Bonn Airport experienced an exceptional 15% passenger traffic growth, resulting in a total of 11.9 million passengers travelling through the airport in 2016. Recording the best-ever year in terms of throughput in the history of the airport, Cologne Bonn rounded off 2016 recording new highs for both passenger traffic and cargo.

Commenting on the landmark results, Michael Garvens, Chairman of the Management Board, Cologne Bonn said: “2016 was an excellent year for us. Cologne Bonn was the fastest growing airport of all the major German airports, reaching new levels of passenger and cargo numbers. We strive to maintain these figures throughout this year.”

A large share of the record growth can be attributed to Eurowings’ new low-cost long-haul routes – it currently operating 14 long-haul flights to Asia, the Caribbean, and the US from Cologne Bonn – the Lufthansa group carrier is already set to launch four further links in S17, namely Windhoek, Las Vegas, Orlando and Seattle. With the growth of the low-cost carriers also considerably boosting the airport’s development, Ryanair’s notable expansion over the last 12 months means the airline served 21 destinations in summer from Cologne Bonn.

In addition to excellent passenger traffic results throughout 2016, last year’s cargo volume reached an all-time high at Cologne Bonn with the airport handling in excess of 786,000 tonnes, a 4% year-on-year increase.



**Photo caption:** Michael Garvens, Chairman of the Management Board, Cologne Bonn Airport, welcomed the 11,111,111th passenger, celebrating the airport's landmark achievement in December.

#### 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 11.9 million passengers in 2016, flying on the airport's services to 132 destinations across 46 countries, and handled 786,000 tonnes of cargo.
- Average passenger traffic growth in the period to end-December 2016 has exceeded +15% (11.9 million passengers).
- Cologne Bonn Airport's route development 2017 includes:  
To launch:
  - Eurowings thrice-weekly service to Sylt, starting 26 March 2017;
  - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Craiova, starting 27 March 2017;
  - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Tuzla, starting 27 March 2017;
  - Stobart Air six times weekly service to London-Southend, starting 1 May 2017;
  - Eurowings weekly service to Zakynthos, starting 6 May 2017;
  - Eurowings thrice-weekly service to Las Vegas, starting 3 July 2017;
  - Eurowings twice-weekly service to Orlando, starting 8 July 2017;
  - Eurowings thrice-weekly service to Seattle, starting 11 July 2017;
  - Eurowings twice-weekly service to Windhoek, starting 12 July 2017.

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