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## Cologne Bonn welcomes Blue Air's new link to Iasi

Experiencing a strong acceleration in passenger traffic during the first quarter of 2016, Cologne Bonn recorded 14% month-on-month growth in May, for the first time in its history welcoming more than one million visitors in a month. Continuing the expansion of its route network, the airport celebrated Blue Air's inaugural flight to Iasi on 3 June.

Commencing its third route from Cologne Bonn, the Romanian carrier's new twice-weekly service becomes the fourth link to the central European country offered from the airport. Facing no competition on the airport pair, Blue Air now fills 74% of all weekly scheduled flights from Cologne Bonn to Romania, with 1,000 weekly seats (according to OAG Schedules Analyser, week commencing 6 June).

Commenting at the launch, Michael Garvens, Chairman of the Management Board, Cologne Bonn Airport said: "Expanding our route network with Blue Air's connection to Iasi, adds yet another new and exciting destination for our passengers."

"We are very pleased with the inclusion of the third direct flight from Cologne Bonn, this time to our base in Iasi, reinforcing our presence at the airport," added Tudor Constantinescu, CCO, Blue Air.



**Photo caption:** Welcoming the arrival of Blue Air's new service to Iasi, and celebrating Cologne Bonn Airport's fourth link to Romania with the inaugural crew are Joanna Hagemeyer (far left) and Maike Lyssy (far right), Cologne Bonn Airport's Business Development and Aviation Marketing Department.

#### 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.
- Monthly passenger traffic growth in the period to end-May 2016 has exceeded +14% (1,105,000 passengers).
- Cologne Bonn Airport's route development 2016 includes:
  - Already launched:
    - Pobeda daily service to Moscow Vnukovo, 15 February 2016;
    - Ryanair twice-weekly service to Malta, 19 March 2016;
    - Blue Air twice-weekly service to Sibiu, 28 March 2016;
    - Ryanair twice-weekly service to Corfu, 28 April 2016;
    - Eurowings twice-weekly service to Menorca, 1 May 2016;
    - SunExpress Germany twice-weekly service to Varna, 2 May 2016;
    - SunExpress Germany weekly service to Lanzarote, 3 May 2016;
    - Eurowings weekly service to Mauritius, 5 May 2016;
    - Eurowings weekly service to Brindisi, 7 May 2016;
    - Small Planet Airlines twice-weekly service to Palma de Mallorca, 24 May 2016 (charter);
    - Eurowings thrice-weekly service to Boston, 1 June 2016;
    - Blue Air twice-weekly service to Iasi, 3 June 2016;
    - Eurowings weekly service to Bodrum, 5 June 2016;

- Eurowings weekly service to Pristina, 5 June 2016;
- Borajet twice-weekly service to Edremit, 7 June 2016.

To launch:

- Eurowings thrice-weekly service to Moscow Domodedovo, starting 9 June 2016;
- Turkish Airlines weekly service to Antalya, starting 9 July 2016 (charter);
- Eurowings thrice-weekly service to Miami, starting 1 September 2016;
- Eurowings twice-weekly service to Salalah, starting 1 October 2016;
- Ryanair daily service to Sofia, starting 6 September 2016;
- Eurowings weekly service to Santo Domingo, starting 15 November 2016 (charter);
- Eurowings weekly service to Havana, starting 15 December 2016.

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