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## Long-haul connections increase from Cologne Bonn

Cologne Bonn Airport has further expanded its low-cost long-haul network with the departure of Eurowings' inaugural flight to Havana yesterday. Additionally, the Lufthansa group carrier has also announced the launch of two more long-haul links as of next summer – a twice-weekly service to Windhoek (Namibia), and the currently chartered service to Montego Bay (Jamaica), will be converted to a scheduled operation flying twice-weekly.

Eurowings' new weekly service to Cuba's capital city will utilise the airline's 310-seat A330-200s on the 8,011-kilometre sector, becoming the German hub's eighth Caribbean link. Commencing Cologne Bonn's second connection to Cuba, the carrier's new link joins its existing Varadero service, increasing the airport's weekly Cuban capacity by 33%.

Commenting on the launch, Michael Garvens, Chairman of the Management Board, Cologne Bonn said: "Varadero was our first low-cost long-haul service last year. Yesterday, we welcomed the 14<sup>th</sup> in our flight schedule – a second link to Cuba." He added: "We are delighted that Eurowings is continuing to expand its portfolio at our airport. The new route to Havana, and now a link to Southern Africa, will give long-distance travelers more reasons to use our airport."

In addition to these routes, Eurowings already connects Cologne Bonn with direct scheduled services to the US (Miami), Thailand (Bangkok and Phuket), Dominican Republic (Puerto Plata and Punta Cana), Mexico (Cancun), and Mauritius. In addition, the airline operates charter flights to the Dominican Republic (La Romana and Santo Domingo), Barbados (Bridgetown) and Oman (Salalah). During the 2017 peak season, the carrier will launch three further links to the US – Orlando, Seattle-Tacoma and Las Vegas – seeing the airline serve 18 low-cost long-haul destinations from the airport.

## 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 Viennialine 10 times weekly service to Friedrichshafen, 2 November 2016;
    - Eurowings weekly service to Santo Domingo, 15 November 2016 [charter];  
Eurowings weekly service to Havana, 15 December 2016.
  - 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;
    - 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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