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Cologne Bonn becomes Pobeda's first link to Germany

Cologne Bonn Airport, where thriving passenger traffic passed the 10 million threshold in 2015, announces the arrival of its first new airline of the year, just weeks into 2016. Securing a new link to Moscow Vnukovo, Cologne Bonn is set to welcome airline partner Pobeda next month.

Pobeda – Aeroflot's subsidiary airline and Russia's only low-cost carrier (LCC) – will make Cologne Bonn its first German operation. While expanding the airport's own route network, representing its only service to Russia at this time, the LCC will operate a daily service from 15 February, utilising its 189-seat, 737-800 fleet.

Germanwings, which had operated the Moscow Vnukovo route for the last 10 years from Cologne Bonn withdrew from the sector last September after announcing plans to start Moscow Domodedovo this June, leaving a gap for Pobeda to operate to this particular Moscow airport with no direct competition.

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-December 2015 has exceeded +9%.
- Cologne Bonn Airport's route development 2016 includes:
 - Ryanair twice-weekly service to Malta, starting 19 March 2016;
 - Blue Air twice-weekly service to Sibiu, starting 28 March 2016;
 - Ryanair weekly service to Corfu, starting 28 April 2016;
 - germanwings twice-weekly service to Menorca, starting 1 May 2016;

- SkyWork Airlines six times weekly service to Basel, starting 1 May 2016;
- Eurowings thrice-weekly service to Miami, starting 1 May 2016;
- SunExpress Germany weekly service to Varna, starting 2 May 2016;
- SunExpress Germany weekly service to Lanzarote, starting 3 May 2016;
- Eurowings thrice-weekly service to Boston, starting 4 May 2016;
- Eurowings twice-weekly service to Las Vegas, starting 4 May 2016;
- Eurowings weekly service to Mauritius, starting 5 May 2016;
- germanwings weekly service to Brindisi, starting 7 May 2016;
- Blue Air twice-weekly service to Iasi, starting 3 June 2016;
- germanwings weekly service to Bodrum, starting 5 June 2016;
- germanwings thrice-weekly service to Moscow Domodedovo, starting 9 June 2016.

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