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## Cologne Bonn – Europe’s chosen “Best Regional Airport” for third time

Cologne Bonn Airport has been confirmed as Europe’s ‘Best Regional Airport’ for the third time in succession. Hitting a hat-trick before a home crowd at the renowned Skytrax World Airport Awards last night, Cologne Bonn landed first place in ‘Best Regional Airport Europe’ category once again.

Presented during Passenger Terminal EXPO, Cologne Bonn was recognised as the second best overall regional airport, being placed in an outstanding 19<sup>th</sup> position in all global airport categories.

“The fact that we’ve been voted first place for the third time in a row makes us incredibly proud, especially as this prize is awarded by the general public, based on the opinions of passengers,” said a delighted Michael Garvens, Chairman of the Management Board, Cologne Bonn Airport. He added: “The Skytrax Award is a special accolade for the whole airport team and honours our employees, who do outstanding work here every day.”

The Skytrax World Airport Awards are the most coveted awards in aviation and are often called the ‘Industry Oscars’. Awarded in different categories, the results are based on a worldwide passenger survey carried out by Skytrax. In 2015, passengers around the world were asked about the performance of airports, from arrivals to departures, including service quality, family-friendliness and retail offerings.



**Photo caption:** Accepting the accolade on behalf of Cologne Bonn Airport, Ulrich Stiller, Director Marketing and Sales, and Alexandra Wissen, Head of Central Infrastructure, are presented with the Skytrax 'Best Regional Airport Europe' Award.

#### 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-February 2016 has exceeded +32% (699,232 passengers).
- Cologne Bonn Airport's route development 2016 includes:
  - Already launched:
    - Pobeda daily service to Moscow Vnukovo, 15 February 2016.
  - To launch:
    - Ryanair twice-weekly service to Malta, starting 19 March 2016;
    - Blue Air twice-weekly service to Sibiu, starting 28 March 2016;
    - Adria Airways thrice-weekly service to Ljubljana, starting 26 April 2016;
    - Ryanair weekly service to Corfu, starting 28 April 2016;
    - Eurowings twice-weekly service to Menorca, 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 weekly service to Mauritius, starting 5 May 2016;
    - Eurowings weekly service to Brindisi starting 7 May 2016;
    - Small Planet Airlines twice-weekly service to Palma de Mallorca, starting 14 May 2016 (charter);

- Eurowings thrice-weekly service to Boston, starting 1 June 2016;
- Blue Air twice-weekly service to Iasi, starting 3 June 2016;
- Eurowings weekly service to Bodrum, starting 5 June 2016;
- Eurowings weekly service to Pristina, starting 5 June 2016;
- Borajet twice-weekly service to Edremit, starting 7 June 2016;
- Eurowings thrice-weekly service to Moscow Domodedovo, starting 9 June 2016;
- TUIfly weekly service to Ordu-Giresun, starting from 29 June;
- Turkish Airlines weekly service to Antalya, starting 8 July 2016 (charter);
- Eurowings thrice-weekly service to Miami, starting 1 September 2016;
- Ryanair daily service to Sofia, starting 30 October 2016.

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