

# Cologne Bonn Airport

## Media information

▶ Cologne, 5 January 2017

Flughafen Köln/Bonn GmbH  
Postfach 98 01 20  
51129 Cologne  
Germany

T + 49 (0) 22 03 - 40-33 33  
F + 49 (0) 22 03 - 40-27 45  
presse@cologne-bonn-airport.de

## Cologne Bonn strengthens links to the UK

On the back of a year which saw Cologne Bonn Airport record more than double the European average in passenger growth traffic, the German airport has kick-started 2017 with the announcement of its first new airline partner of the year. Launching its inaugural route from Cologne Bonn, Stobart Air, operated by Flybe will be commencing a six times weekly service to London Southend from 1 May.

Commenting on the new route development, Michael Garvens, Chairman of the Management Board, Cologne Bonn Airport, said: “We are delighted to add Southend as another direct connection to the cosmopolitan city of London. The new route will prove just as attractive to business travellers as it will to the weekend tourist.”

Facing no direct competition on the airport pair, Flybe’s new link to London Southend will strengthen the UK’s position as Cologne Bonn’s fifth largest country market served from the gateway. Utilising the airline’s 118-seat E195s, Flybe’s new service means that Cologne Bonn will now offer over 7,600 weekly seats to London, joining the airport’s existing links to London Heathrow and London Stansted.

### 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, operated by Flybe, 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.

**PPS Publications, Media & Events** on behalf of Cologne Bonn Airport:

Kerry Parks, Account Manager Aviation Development PR

(44) 1293 783851 or [kerry@pps-publications.com](mailto:kerry@pps-publications.com)