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## Cologne Bonn TAPs into Lisbon hub and beyond

Cologne Bonn Airport welcomed its fourth airline to offer scheduled Portuguese flights this summer, as TAP Portugal strengthens the German airport's existing links to Lisbon. Celebrating the inaugural flight, the Portuguese flag carrier commenced its double-daily service on 15 July, the 1,848 kilometre sector is operated by the airline's 106-seat E190s.

"We are very happy about our new customer at Cologne Bonn Airport. TAP Portugal offers attractive and easy connections to South America from Lisbon, giving interesting opportunities to our long-haul travellers," informs Michael Garvens, Chairman of the Management Board, Cologne Bonn Airport.

While the start of these new flights sees Cologne Bonn offer a total of 2,726 weekly seats to Lisbon, and boosts its existing links to Portugal's capital city, TAP Portugal also significantly increases the airport's connections via the Star Alliance carrier's hub. Welcoming its new airline partner will make around 85 important onward destinations across Europe, Africa and America available to Cologne Bonn's passengers.

Offering flights to 44 countries in S17, the result of this growth makes Portugal the eighth largest country market served from the airport. With the additional throughput on TAP Portugal's new flights, Cologne Bonn is on course to break the 12 million passenger milestone in 2017.

Marta Alves, TAP Portugal's Area Sales Manager for Germany, Austria and Switzerland added: "The new Cologne Bonn-Lisbon route is a crucial building block in our strategy for the German market. We are convinced of the success of this new partnership."



**Photo caption:** Welcoming its latest airline, Cologne Bonn Airport celebrates TAP Portugal's inaugural flight to Lisbon on 15 July. Marking the occasion are: Tobias Lyssy, Head of Business Development and Aviation Marketing, Cologne Bonn Airport; and TAP Portugal's Katja Kimmig, Area Sales Manager Munich & North Rhine-Westphalia; Ana Marta Alves, Area Sales DACH-Region; Klemens Müller, Marketing & Sales Support Manager; and Carmen Caetano, Operations.

#### 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 126 destinations across 44 countries, and handled 786,000 tonnes of cargo.
- Cologne Bonn Airport's route development 2017 includes:
  - Already launched:
    - Eurowings three times weekly service to Sylt, 26 March 2017;
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Craiova, 27 March 2017;
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Tuzla, 27 March 2017;
    - Ellinair three times weekly service to Thessaloniki, starting 8 April 2017;
    - Stobart Air, operated by Flybe, six times weekly service to London-Southend, starting 1 May 2017;
    - Eurowings weekly service to Zakynthos, 6 May 2017;
    - Eurowings three times weekly service to Las Vegas, 2 June 2017;
    - Eurowings weekly service to Karpathos, 5 June 2017;
    - Eurowings weekly service to Preveza, 5 June 2017;

- Eurowings weekly service to Enfidha, 7 June 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Košice, 25 June 2017;
- Eurowings twice-weekly service to Orlando, 8 July 2017;
- Eurowings twice-weekly service to Seattle, 11 July 2017;
- Eurowings twice-weekly service to Windhoek, 12 July 2017;
- TAP Portugal double-daily service to Lisbon, 15 July 2017.

To launch:

- Eurowings weekly service to Ordu-Giresun, starting 6 August 2017;
- Air Arabia Maroc twice-weekly service to Agadir, starting 2 October 2017;
- Ryanair four times weekly service to Bristol, starting 29 October 2017;
- Ryanair daily service to Manchester, starting 29 October 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Vitoria, starting 30 October 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Marrakech, starting 30 October 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Vilnius, starting 1 November 2017.
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Bologna, starting 1 November 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Seville, starting 2 November 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Venice Treviso, starting 2 November 2017;
- Eurowings weekly service to Cape Town, starting 5 November 2017;
- Eurowings weekly service to Funchal, starting 11 November 2017;
- Eurowings weekly service to Grenoble, starting 2 December 2017.

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