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## Keflavik Airport smashes records and storms into 2018

Growing by an immense 28% in passenger numbers, Keflavik Airport welcomed 8.8 million passengers by the end of 2017. Seeing nearly two million more passengers than the year before, the Icelandic hub has witnessed balanced growth across O&D and connecting traffic, resulting in another record-breaking year for the gateway.

“It’s exhilarating to be part of the rapid growth we’re experiencing here at Keflavik and it’s showing no signs of slowing down,” enthuses Hlynur Sigurdsson, Commercial Director, Isavia. He adds: “To get a clear idea of how rapidly our airport is growing, just two years ago we welcomed 4.8 million passengers which means in 24 months we’ve nearly doubled our traffic. Forecasts are already suggesting we will not only hit the definitive 10 million passenger mark but significantly pass it this year.”

In 2017, a total of 107 destinations in 33 countries had a direct connection from Keflavik, operated by 32 airlines. Serving its furthest point Los Angeles (6,942 kilometres) 270 times during the year, its closest Vagar (803 kilometres) 43 times, Copenhagen was however the most frequently-served destination with around 1,750 flights throughout the year. The most heavily-used aircraft type at the airport in 2017 was the 757-200, followed by the A321.

### 2018 new routes

Boosting its well-established strong route network, the airport is already scheduled to launch a further 14 links in the first half of 2018. With five of the new routes within Europe, the remaining will significantly increase Iceland’s links to North America, resulting in Keflavik being connected to 28 destinations on the continent.

<b>Airline</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
Wizz Air	Poznan (new)	31 March	Three times weekly
WOW air	Detroit (new)	25 April	Four times weekly
WOW air	London Stansted	25 April	Daily
WOW air	Cleveland (new)	3 May	Four times weekly
Icelandair	Dublin	8 May	Six times weekly
WOW air	Cincinnati (new)	9 May	Four times weekly
Luxair	Luxembourg (new)	9 May	Weekly
Icelandair	Cleveland	16 May	Four times weekly
WOW air	St. Louis (new)	17 May	Four times weekly
WOW air	Dallas/Fort Worth (new)	23 May	Three times weekly
United Airlines	New York Newark	23 May	Daily
Icelandair	Dallas/Fort Worth	30 May	Four times weekly
American Airlines	Dallas/Fort Worth	7 June	Daily
S7 Airlines	Moscow Domodedovo (new)	30 June	Weekly

## Notes for Editors

- Isavia handles the operation and development of all airports in Iceland, including its four international airports – Keflavik, Reykjavik, Akureyri and Egilsstaðir.
- Keflavik welcomed more than 8.8 million passengers in 2017, flying on the airport's scheduled services to 107 destinations across 33 countries.
- Passenger traffic growth at Keflavik in 2017 was 28% year-on-year increase.
- Keflavik won anna.aero's Euro ANNIE award for the fastest growing airport in Europe in the 5-10 million annual passenger category in July 2017.
- Keflavik's route development includes:
  - To launch:
    - Wizz Air three times weekly service to Poznan, 31 March 2018;
    - WOW air four times weekly service to Detroit, 25 April 2018;
    - WOW air daily service to London Stansted, 25 April 2018;
    - WOW air four times weekly service to Cleveland, 3 May 2018;
    - Icelandair six times weekly service to Dublin, 8 May 2018;
    - WOW air four times weekly service to Cincinnati, 9 May 2018;
    - Luxair weekly service to Luxembourg, 9 May 2018;
    - Icelandair four times weekly service to Cleveland, 16 May 2018;
    - WOW air four times weekly service to St. Louis, 17 May 2018;
    - WOW air three times weekly service to Dallas/Fort Worth, 23 May 2018;
    - United Airlines daily service to New York Newark, 23 May 2018;
    - Icelandair four times weekly service to Dallas/Fort Worth, 30 May 2018;
    - American Airlines daily service to Dallas/Fort Worth, 7 June 2018;
    - S7 Airlines seasonal weekly service to Moscow Domodedovo, 30 June.

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