Passenger traffic growth up 7.9% during November

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Brussels, 12 January 2018: European airport trade body, ACI EUROPE today releases its air traffic report for **November**. The report is the only industry report that includes all types of civil aviation passenger flights: full service, low cost and charter. It reveals that during the month of November, **passenger traffic** at Europe's airports grew by **+7.9%,** almost exactly at the same pace as in October (+7.8%).

Non-EU airports continued to lead the growth in passenger traffic, with volumes increasing by +**11.6%**. Georgian airports led the dynamic (+31.8%) - while Iceland, Israel, Turkey, Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro and FYROM also saw their airports achieving double digit passenger growth.

Meanwhile, passenger traffic at **EU airports** grew by **+6.8%** - a performance which would have been even stronger were it not for a series of airline-caused disruptions. This primarily included the full impact of Air Berlin and Monarch having ceased operations, as evidenced by traffic losses at airports such as Berlin-TXL (-21.1%), Dusseldorf (-9.1%), Vienna (-0.1%), Birmingham (-1.5%) and Copenhagen (-3.5%). It also included Ryanair's decision to slow down its growth this winter by taking 25 aircraft out of its fleet to avoid crew rostering-related flight cancellations.

Passenger growth at **the Majors** (top 5 European hubs) substantially picked up in November at **+10.6%** – led by the strong performance of Frankfurt at +21.1%, Istanbul-Atatürk at +15% and Amsterdam-Schiphol at +10.1%. Frankfurt's record monthly growth was partly influenced by last year's Lufthansa pilot strike. Net of the catch up effect, the airport still grew by an impressive +11.8% on the back of significant low cost airline expansion. Paris-CDG grew by +6.6% and capacity constrained London-Heathrow still managed to increase its passenger volume by +3.5%.

Freight traffic across the European airport network remained consistent with the previous month, coming in at **+8.6%**. **Aircraft movements** also remained robust at +**3.6%.**

During **November**, airports welcoming more than 25 million passengers per year (Group 1), airports welcoming between 10 and 25 million passengers (Group 2), airports welcoming between 5 and 10 million passengers (Group 3) and airports welcoming less than 5 million passengers per year (Group 4) reported an average adjustment **+7.3%**, **+6.9%**, **+9.5%** and **+10.5%**.

The airports that reported the highest increases in passenger traffic during November are as follows:

GROUP 1:   Frankfurt (**+21.1%**), Palma De Mallorca (**+16.4%**), Moscow SVO (**+16.4%**), Istanbul IST (**+15%**) and Istanbul SAW (**+10.7%**)

GROUP 2:   Ankara (**+32%**), Tel Aviv (**+17.4%**), Lisbon (**17.3%**), Budapest (**+16.9%**) and Prague (**+15.1%**)

GROUP 3:   Naples (+**49.8%**), Heraklion (**47.2%**), Valencia (**+26.1%**), Palermo (**+25.5%**) and Keflavik (**+19.8%**)

GROUP 4:   Grenoble (**+144.7%**), Varna (+**89.7%**), Kos (**+72.8%**), Batumi (**+69.4%**) and Craiova (**+54.8%**)

The '**ACI EUROPE Airport Traffic Report - November 2017'** includes 253 airports in total representing more than 88% of European air passenger traffic.

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