

ACI EUROPE RESOLUTION

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EUROPEAN AIRPORTS COMMITTING TO NET ZERO CARBON EMISSIONS BY 2050



NET ZERO

The ACI EUROPE Board, acting on behalf of the European airport community represented by ACI EUROPE:

Noting and supporting the objectives set by the Paris Agreement's central aim to strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change by keeping global temperature rise this century below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase even further to 1.5 degrees Celsius;

Recalling:

- The June 2008 commitment of ACI EUROPE and its members to reduce carbon emissions from airport operations fully within their own control with the ultimate target to become carbon neutral;
- The launch in June 2009 of *Airport Carbon Accreditation* as the tool & standard for carbon management at airports, which has resulted in 209¹ European airports being certified under the programme to date – of which 57² airports are certified as carbon neutral;
- The December 2015 commitment of ACI EUROPE and its members to 100 carbon neutral airports in Europe by 2030 under *Airport Carbon Accreditation*;

Noting the undisputable scientific evidence that has emerged in relation to climate change, notably as per the Special Report on Global Warming released by the UN IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) on 8 October 2018 and further comprehensive Assessment Reports about the state of scientific, technical and socio-economic knowledge on climate change;

Noting the above mentioned UN IPCC Special Report's finding that limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius is indispensable to limit the most catastrophic and irreversible consequences of global warming – and the consequential need for “*urgent and drastic action to limit global warming in line with the Paris Agreement*”, through “*unprecedented & deep emissions reductions in all sectors*” which require “*rapid and far-reaching transitions in land,*

¹ As of 23 June 2022

² As of 23 June 2022

energy, industry, buildings, transport and cities” so that global emissions decline by -45% by 2030 and reach net zero by 2050;

Noting and supporting the strategic long-term vision set by the European Commission in its Communication: “A Clean Planet for All” adopted on 28 November 2018, which calls for a climate neutral economy for Europe by 2050, with a goal to reach net zero carbon emissions by that date, including through the decarbonisation of mobility – as well as the subsequent adoption of the EU Green Deal on 11 December 2019;

Recalling the “Destination 2050 – A Route to Net Zero European Aviation” roadmap released on 11 February 2021 by ACI EUROPE, A4E (Airlines for Europe), ERA (European Regions Airline Association), ASD Europe (AeroSpace and Defence Industries Association of Europe) and CANSO – whereby European aviation has committed to achieve net zero CO₂ emissions by 2050;

Restating the critical need for Europe’s airports to collectively address current and projected environmental impacts - both local and global - through the application of the principles of sustainability;

Recognising the need for European airports to develop and operate their infrastructure and services in a way that allows them to effectively contribute not only to the reduction of aviation’s impact on global warming, but also to the full decarbonisation of air transport over time;

Resolves that:

- 1. ACI EUROPE and its members reaffirm their support to the ATAG 2050 net zero carbon goal adopted in October 2021, whereby the aviation sector has collectively committed that global civil aviation operations will achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050.**
- 2. As part and in complement to the above-mentioned 2050 net zero carbon goal for global aviation, ACI EUROPE and its members reaffirm their commitment (undertaken in 2019) to net zero carbon emissions from airport operations fully within their own control by 2050 at the latest - reducing absolute emissions to the furthest extent possible and addressing any remaining emissions through investment in carbon removal and storage.**
- 3. ACI EUROPE and its members call on the EU and European Governments beyond the EU to accelerate, where necessary, a clean energy transition ensuring that airports across Europe can switch to zero carbon energy under competitive conditions.**
- 4. ACI EUROPE and its members urge all 193 ICAO Member States to agree upon and deliver at the forthcoming 41st ICAO Assembly a Long Term Aspirational Goal (LTAG) for international aviation that is fully aligned with the Paris Agreement and its objective of limiting the increase of global average temperature well below 2 degrees Celsius.**

The present Resolution, while committing the entire European airport industry, is also undersigned by each of the ACI EUROPE member airports included below - which therefore already individually commit to achieve net zero carbon emissions as per the above from operations fully within their own control by 2050 at the latest.

The following list has been further updated on the occasion of the 32nd ACI EUROPE Annual Congress and General Assembly in Rome on 23 June 2022, to reflect both additional and advanced commitments from ACI EUROPE member airports - in particular an increase in the number of member airports setting their net zero target for 2030 at the latest:



47 airports in Spain, including Madrid-Barajas & Barcelona-El Prat



Rome-Fiumicino & Rome-Ciampino Airports



Nice, Cannes-Mandelieu & Saint Tropez Airports



Glasgow, Aberdeen & Southampton Airports



Podgorica & Tivat Airports



44 airports in Norway, including Oslo



Aéroport Brest Bretagne





BY 2035



BY 2030



BY 2040



BY 2030



BY 2025

20 airports in Finland, including Helsinki



BY 2035



BY 2030



BY 2040



BY 2035



BY 2045



BY 2045



BY 2040



Groningen Airport Eelde
Luchthaven van het Noorden



Paris CDG, Paris-Orly and Paris-Le
Bourget Airports



Larnaka & Pafos Airports



Isavia

BY 2030

Keflavik Airport



BY 2030



BY 2030



BY 2035



BY 2040



BY 2038

Manchester, London-Stansted
& East Midlands Airports



BY 2030



BY 2035



Bournemouth, Exeter
& Norwich Airports



BY 2040



BY 2030





including Izmir-Adnan Menderes, Ankara-Esenboğa, Alanya - Antalya Gazipasa and Mugla Milas-Bodrum

including Skopje & Ohrid in North Macedonia and Almaty Airport in Kazakhstan



Billund Airport





BY 2030

ANA
AEROPORTOS
DE PORTUGAL

ANNECY MONT-BLANC
AÉROPORT
HAUTE-SAVOIE

BELGRADE
AIRPORT

Belfast
International Airport

Aéroport
Clermont-Ferrand Auvergne

Aéroport
Chambéry Savoie Mont Blanc

Aéroport
Dinard Bretagne

YOUR LONDON AIRPORT
Gatwick

Grenoble Alpes Isère
Airport

LYON
AÉROPORT
BY 2026

LYON-BRON
AÉROPORT

Aéroport
Nantes Atlantique

Aéroport
Pays d'Ancenis

Aéroport
Rennes Bretagne

Aéroport
Toulon Hyères
BY 2024

25 airports in Europe, including London-Gatwick,
ANA Aeroportos de Portugal & Lyon Airport

The present Resolution is also supported by:

