



International industry association BARIG urges protection of the aviation location Germany: Important projects must be approached consequently

According to the around 100 airlines united in the Board of Airline Representatives in Germany (BARIG), the course for a sustainable growth of the aviation location Germany has to be set now. From the association's point of view, large infrastructural projects at airports shall not be further delayed, they should be tackled consequently instead. The recently released positive prediction – German Airport Association ADV expects an increase of 3.1 percent in passenger numbers at German airports in 2016 – may hide the fact that the development of the German aviation industry lags behind the international competition.

“Something has to happen immediately. If we fail to set the foundation for a prosperous future today, Germany will continue to lose ground in international competition and carelessly endanger its important role in scheduled, charter and cargo air traffic. This would result in serious consequences for the economy, the job market and consumers”, explains BARIG General Secretary Michael Hoppe.



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Close cooperation with airlines

The implementation of the large-scale projects demands a close cooperation with the associations and airlines. This is the only way to ensure that major infrastructural measures are geared to the current and future needs of airlines in order to optimise passenger flows. In this manner investments can be wisely improved and unnecessary costs can be avoided. The latter is especially important since Germany is already considered as an expensive aviation location.

Rigorous cost discipline demanded from airports

Michael Hoppe: “For a while we have been observing that airlines are planning their capacities applying more and more strict criteria for cost effectiveness. We demand that costs at German airports are reduced. After all the airlines and their offered flights are the reason for the increase in passenger numbers. The most recent estimations of AVD registered an increase of over 4 percent in 2015 compared to the previous year. Here, the costs must drop because a higher number of passengers means a better utilisation of existing premises. Against this background we demand a rigorous cost discipline and the creation of more efficient work processes from airport operators. Furthermore, BARIG clearly rejects any models including an airline pre-financing of infrastructural measures. The best infrastructure is useless, if it is at the same time accompanied by unbearable costs and charges.”

65-year anniversary: Community event 2016

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2016 is an important anniversary year for BARIG. The airline association was founded 1951 and has since successfully and with great commitment worked on improving frame conditions for the aviation industry in Germany. The 65-year anniversary will be celebrated with a community event in Frankfurt. Numerous high-ranking representatives from the industry will be invited together with their international representatives and consulates next to further important guests from politics and economy. On the same day, there will also be the second meeting of the representatives of the European BARs in order to discuss important topics on an international and multilateral level.

barig.aero member benefit

Following the exceptionally successful registration launch for the BARIG member portal “barig.aero member benefit”, the prize winners have now been drawn. Prizes included flights within the route network of SunExpress, a one week hotel stay for two persons in a Sentido Hotel, a Europcar car rental weekend and a travel case by Titan/travelite. The names of the winners will be announced late February. This will also be the start for the second registration campaign on BARIG's homepage, which will again offer very attractive travel and leisure prizes.

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