

PRESS STATEMENT

EBAA welcomes Europe's airports commitment to net zero CO2 emissions

Brussels, 27 June 2019. The European Business Aviation Association warmly commends ACI EUROPE for their commitment to net zero CO2 emissions by 2050, indirectly supporting Europe's business aviation sector in achieving its own environmental and wider sustainability goals.

Speaking about the new Sustainability Strategy of the airport industry announced yesterday at the 29th ACI EUROPE Annual Congress & General Assembly in Cyprus, **EBAA Chairman Juergen Wiese** said, *"This renewed commitment to sustainability wholly supports two key mechanisms of the global business aviation commitment to mitigating climate change; infrastructure and operations. We congratulate ACI EUROPE for their vision, efforts and proactive approach to airport management."*

The business aviation community in Europe also benefits and contributes directly to the ACI Airport Carbon Accreditation programme, where nine of the top ten business aviation airports are part of this carbon neutrality certification. Under the scheme, TAG Farnborough Airport in the UK was the first business aviation dedicated airport to achieve carbon neutral status in May 2018.

Juergen Wiese added, *"At EBAA, we look forward to supporting the ACI Europe Sustainability Strategy. We would like to explore how the European Business Aviation sector can co-lead the aircraft operations sector towards an aviation industry shared vision and roadmap centering long term on a Net Zero carbon emissions air transport system. This sustainability goal is paramount in ensuring the continued ability to provide the societal benefits of the aviation industry."*

One of the most promising measures in meeting these goals are [the efforts of the global coalition of Business Aviation stakeholders](#) around the promotion and uptake of Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF) demonstrated at the recent Business Aviation Convention EBACE, in Geneva.

These efforts need to be intensified as operational efficiency measures through airspace structure and air traffic management are not in sight, and do not contribute as expected.

All aviation stakeholders agree that additional system-wide efficiency can only be realized once the current ground-based Air Traffic Control (ATC) infrastructure, as well as the general European Air Traffic Management (ATM) framework, are modernised. This will require for the EU and Member States to fulfil their stated commitment to make the public investment necessary to bring these changes to fruition, improving both efficiency and safety.

EBAA and its members will continue to work actively on the delivery of these improvements, through our collaboration with EUROCONTROL, SESAR JU, SESAR Deployment Manager and the European institutions and regulators.

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About the Business Aviation Commitment to Climate Change:

Celebrating its 10-year anniversary this year, the Business Aviation Commitment on Climate Change lays out the goals our industry has set toward securing a carbon-neutral future. Read it in full [here](#).

The industry's commitment to emissions reduction centres around three goals:

1. A 2% improvement in fuel efficiency per year from 2010 until 2020;
2. Carbon-neutral growth from 2020 onward;
3. A 50% reduction in carbon emissions by 2050, relative to 2005.



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We will meet these goals through advancements across four pillars:

- More efficient operations;
- Continuing infrastructure improvements;
- Market-based measures; and
- Technology, including the development of alternative aircraft fuels.

About EBAA: The European Business Aviation Association (EBAA) is the leading organisation for operators of business aircrafts in Europe. Our mission is to enable responsible, sustainable growth for business aviation, enhance connectivity and create opportunities. EBAA works to improve safety standards and share knowledge, to further positive regulation, and to ease all aspects of closely tailored, flexible, point to point air transportation for individuals, governments, businesses and local communities in the most time-efficient way possible.

Founded in 1977 and based in Brussels, EBAA represents more than 715 member companies, corporate operators, commercial operators, manufacturers, airports, fixed-base operators, and more, with a total fleet of more than 1,000 aircrafts. We provide more than 50 products and services to the business aviation community, including the European Business Aviation Convention & Exhibition (EBACE), Europe's largest business aviation trade show.

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