



2.95

**BILLION EUROS**

of economic output

## BUSINESS AVIATION IN AUSTRIA

Business aviation is a dynamic sector, bringing together hundreds of thousands of highly skilled professionals who make this **invaluable and indispensable** way of travel possible. Our industry allows passengers to tailor routes according to their specific needs, reducing travel time considerably while benefitting from increased productivity, privacy, comfort and security.

Since the 1920s, business aviation has been deeply rooted in the civil aviation history of Austria, one of the few European countries offering the full range of business aircraft services. Our industry enables both direct and indirect business opportunities – from aircraft operations and maintenance to local ground transportation and training – that contribute to job creation and economic growth.

## WHAT WE STAND FOR

Business aviation continues to face specific operational and regulatory challenges. ABAA works continuously with policymakers on the following key issues:

1. **Ensuring a prominent role for Austria in Europe**  
Despite Austria's extensive aviation tradition, aircraft owners have, over the past 10 years, increasingly found the Austrian registry to be less desirable in comparison with other registries.



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**AIRPORTS**

with BizAv traffic in 2018



12,400

**DIRECT & INDIRECT JOBS**

A single aircraft can create ten to twenty employment opportunities



39,403

**MOVEMENTS**



2,837

**MEDICAL/SPECIAL FLIGHTS**

Between 2008 and 2018, Austria experienced a decline in business aircraft registrations due to burdensome bureaucracy and excessive costs.

## 2. Drafting proportionate legislation

In relation to ground handling services, current Austrian legislation does not recognize the significant differences between the handling of business aircraft vs. the handling of scheduled airliners. There is no push towards the development of a viable, diversified ground handling market. Case in point, out of nine international airports, only one allows a second ramp handler. In light of current discussions over plans to define a new Aviation Strategy for Austria, ABAA calls for legislators to make sure

that appropriate measures are put in place to correspond to the specific needs of the business aviation sector.

## 3. Safeguarding that there are ample sustainable legal standards for business aviation at EU level

ABAA calls on legislators to work with the business aviation industry to strengthen Austria's role in air transport regulation internationally, and in dialogue with EASA.

## 4. Advancing the proposal to establish an ACG Working Platform / Customer Advisory Board with industry members of ABAA

Our Association is keen to take part in discussions related to the ongoing development of aviation topics in Austria, at management level.

## LET'S WORK TOGETHER!

ABAA calls on Austrian legislative and regulatory authorities to initiate ongoing discussions while collaborating on the above issues. Securing the sustainable development of air transport in Austria will help to ensure growth and competitiveness, and will create more and better professional opportunities in Austria today and for generations to come.

*"WE LOOK FORWARD TO COLLABORATING WITH AUSTRIAN STAKEHOLDERS TO SECURE WORKABLE SOLUTIONS TO ALL ISSUES AFFECTING BUSINESS AVIATION, IN ORDER TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH THIS VITAL INDUSTRY – AND THUS AUSTRIA ITSELF – CAN FLOURISH."*

## ABOUT THE AUSTRIAN BUSINESS AVIATION ASSOCIATION

The Austrian Business Aviation Association (ABAA) has been founded to act as a point of reference for Austrian authorities, regulatory bodies, government offices and relevant institutions regulating the aviation industry. As of 2019, we represent the interests of over 30 members, among them aircraft contractors, operators, charter

brokers, ground handlers, insurance and leasing companies who rely on the Association to ensure their voices are heard equally in legislative and rule-making processes. Our Association is member of the European Business Aviation Association (EBAA) and the Council of European Business Aviation Associations (CEBAA).

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