

# Vienna Airport: Eurowings Receives "Airline Award 2017"

Flughafen Wien AG has bestowed its airline award for the fifth time. In 2016 Eurowings showed the largest absolute passenger growth at the airport and thus prevailed as the "Best Performing Airline". For this reason, the German airline was awarded the "Airline Award 2017" yesterday, June 22, 2017, within the context of the VIE Summer Event.

"We are pleased to be able to hand over the Airline Award this year to Eurowings. The German airline came close to doubling its passenger volume in Vienna, with the number of passengers rising by +44.6%, thus almost 400,000 to about 1.3 million passengers in 2016. Accordingly, it deserves the honour of being the 'Best Performing Airline'. In cooperation with Eurowings we have been able to offer numerous new flight connections from and to Vienna this year. We congratulate Eurowings on its great achievement", says Julian Jäger, Member of the Management Board of Flughafen Wien AG.

"Eurowings is currently the fastest growing airline in Europe. In Vienna alone, we offer 203 weekly flights to 35 different destinations. Since we started stationing our first Airbus A320 aircraft in Vienna in November 2015, five additional aircraft are regularly stationed at Vienna Airport to comprise a total of six jets. Vienna is a strategically important flight base for Eurowings. That is why we are very happy with this fantastic recognition on the part of the airport, and look forward to continuing our good cooperation", says Oliver Wagner, Managing Director of Eurowings, expressing his pleasure at receiving the award.

#### **Eurowings is the "Best Performing Airline" in 2016**

In 2016, Eurowings carried 1.275 million passengers, comprising a 44.6% increase from the prior-year level and the highest growth in passenger volume in absolute terms. A substantial contribution was made by the increase in Eurowing's existing offering to include numerous destinations as well as the expansion of its base in Vienna from one to three aircraft in 2016. In its 2017 summer schedule, Eurowings already stations six Airbus A320 aircraft at Vienna Airport and has integrated many additional flight connections into its route network from Vienna, for example Birmingham, Porto, Bastia, Malta, Nice, Ibiza and Madrid. The German airline now serves a total of 35 destinations from Vienna. In total, Eurowings flies to 130 destinations in Europe and across the globe, including the Caribbean, the USA, Africa and Thailand, and transports some 20 million passengers each year.

#### Airline Award for special achievements at the airport site

The Airline Award was initiated by Flughafen Wien AG in 2013 in order to recognise the special achievements of airlines whose excellent passenger growth rates significantly contribute to the good development of the Vienna hub. The award is granted once annually as part of the VIE Summer Event. This year representatives of Eurowings celebrated at K47 in Vienna together with Flughafen Wien AG and 150 other guests.

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