

# 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 147 European airports being certified under the programme to date – of which 43 airports at the carbon neutrality level;
- 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 latest scientific evidence that has emerged in relation to climate change as per the Special Report on Global Warming released by the UN IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) on 8 October 2018;

*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, 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;

*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, while reaffirming their support to the ATAG environmental goals as per the 2008 Aviation Industry Commitment to Action on Climate Change and acknowledging the progress made by ICAO with CORSIA to deliver carbon neutral growth for international aviation from 2020:**
  - i) Call on all aviation industry stakeholders globally to complement these goals with a joint ambition, vision and roadmap towards a net zero carbon emissions air transport system;**
  - ii) Call on Governments at ICAO to accept the latest evidence from the UN IPCC on climate change and, building on the ICAO basket of measures including CORSIA, to establish a work plan aimed at approving a long-term carbon emissions reduction target and related roadmap at the 2022 ICAO Assembly.**
- 2. As part of the above-mentioned aviation industry ambition, vision and roadmap, ACI EUROPE and its members commit 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 & 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.**

The present Resolution, while committing the entire European airport industry, is also undersigned by each of the following ACI EUROPE member airports - 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:



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



Nice, Cannes-Mandelieu & Saint Tropez Airports



Rome-Fiumicino & Rome-Ciampino Airports



Welcome to Amsterdam Airport



45 airports in Norway, including Oslo



Aéroport Brest Bretagne



Dublin & Cork Airports



EindhovenAirport



21 airports in Finland, including Helsinki



Paris-CDG & Paris-Orly Airports



Larnaka & Pafos Airports



Manchester, London-Stansted  
& East Midlands Airports



Munich Airport



Venise Airport



Milan-Malpensa  
& Milan-Linate Airports



10 airports in Sweden, including  
Stockholm-Arlanda



Izmir-Adnan Menderes  
& Ankara-Esenboğa Airports



26 airports in Europe, including London-Gatwick, ANA  
Aeroportos de Portugal & Lyon-Saint Exupéry



Aéroport  
Chambéry Savoie Mont Blanc

Aéroport  
Clermont-Ferrand Auvergne

Aéroport  
Dinard Bretagne

YOUR LONDON AIRPORT  
Gatwick

Aéroport  
Grenoble Alpes Isère

Aéroport  
Nantes Atlantique

Aéroport  
Poitiers Biard

Aéroport  
Rennes Bretagne



Aéroport  
Toulon Hyères

The present Resolution is also supported by:

