

# **Airport Slots in Europe**

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# Consumers are benefiting from connectivity despite slot constraints



### **Number of Coordinated Airports in Europe**

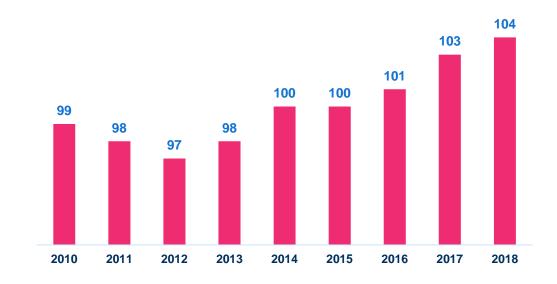
104 Coordinated airports 2018

204 total globally

\*S18 Data

51% of the global Coordinated airports

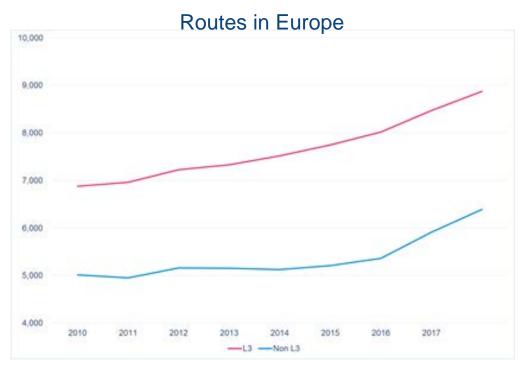
#### No. of Coordinated airports in Europe



Source: IATA slot coordinated airports list

# Slot Coordinated airports in Europe

**Growth of routes and passengers 2010 -2017** 



2,000 additional routes added at EU L3 airports (+29%) 2010-2017

Airlines operating at EU L3 airports added 155m pax (+43%)

# Slot Coordinated airports in Europe

#### Share of routes, flights and passengers departures in 2017



2017

59% of routes operated from EU airports departed from L3 airports

72% of flights departed from L3 airports

73% of passengers in EU departed from L3 airports

#### The EU Slot Regulation has delivered

Access to congested airports bringing competition

Efficient use of scarce airport capacity

Connectivity and growth of routes

# Growth of European low cost airlines



- → Top airports for low cost aviation:
  - Barcelona
  - London Gatwick
  - Dusseldorf
- → All congested slot coordinated airports (L3)
- Under EU Slot Regulation
  - Airlines gained access
  - Provided more choice to the consumers
  - Built competitive services

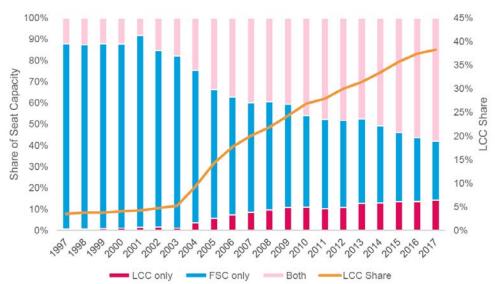
# Growth of European low cost airlines

- The WSG does not just benefit 'legacy airlines'.
- Low cost airlines are increasingly flying out of slot coordinated airports.
- According to Eurocontrol low-cost flights grew by 61% (from 5,200 flights per day to 8,400 flights) between 2007 and 2016.
- Major low-cost carriers (including EasyJet, Ryanair, Vueling, Norwegian, Wizz Air) use a significant number of slots at congested airports (e.g. BCN, LGW, DUS, ORY, AMS).
- ✓ LCCs account for 40% of intra-european seat capacity.
- Airlines have grown and flourished, despite a severe lack of airport capacity and <u>compete directly</u> with established carriers at congested airports.

# **Competition in Europe**

#### Competition is intensifying between legacy and LCC carriers

#### **Intra-European city pairs**



1997 - 2017
Steady rise in LCCs
and FSCs
competing on intraEurope city pairs:
Share seat capacity
1997 - 12%
2017 - 55%

Source: OAG, airline-route must be operated at least 2x weekly to be counted

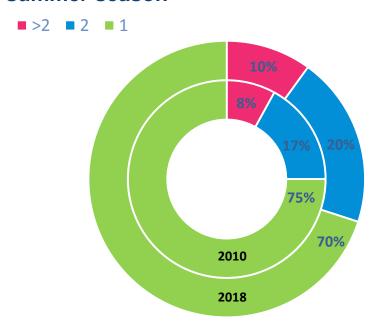
Notes: LCC = 'Low Cost Carrier', FSC = 'Full Service Carrier', Both = at least one LCC operating at one FSC carrier

operate the city pair

# **Competition in Europe**

#### Competition is intensifying

Percent of routes operated by number of airlines summer season



2010 25% of routes operated by two or more airlines

2018
30% of routes
operated by two
or more airlines

# **Competition in Europe**

#### between low cost carriers

#### European LCC head-to-head routes – flights by carrier

Airline	Flights	Routes	Flights	Airline
Ryanair	5,018	85	5,606	EasyJet
Ryanair	4,652	61	5,714	Vueling
Ryanair	1,458	30	1,334	Norwegian
EasyJet	3,660	33	2,662	Vueling
EasyJet	2,839	28	1,027	Norwegian
Ryanair	1,436	32	1,636	Wizz
Vueling	1,266	19	1,116	Norwegian
Vueling	76	3	156	Wizz
EasyJet	206	4	96	Wizz
Norwegian	9	1	12	Wizz
Source: FlightGlobal schedules April 2018				

23% of flights operated by 5 LCC's\* in Europe directly compete with another LCC

<sup>\*</sup> easyJet, Vueling, Ryanair, Norwegian, Wizz

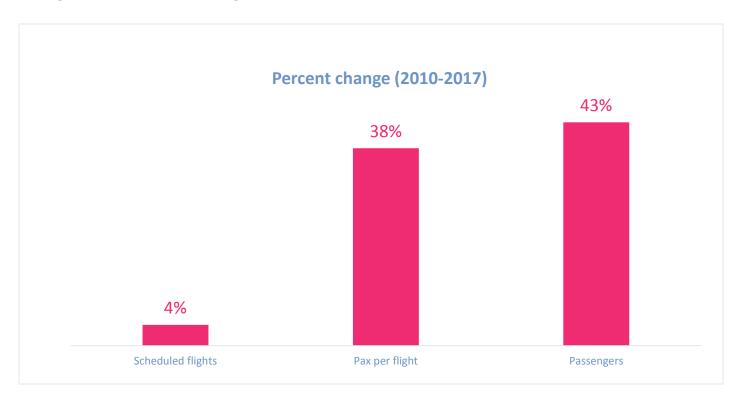
### Growth of long-haul routes ex-Europe

No. of long-haul routes departing from slot coordinated airports



27% growth 2010-2018

Growth in flights and passengers on Intra-EU routes



Flights and passengers on Intra-EU routes

Increased connectivity
4 % more intra-EU
flights in 2017

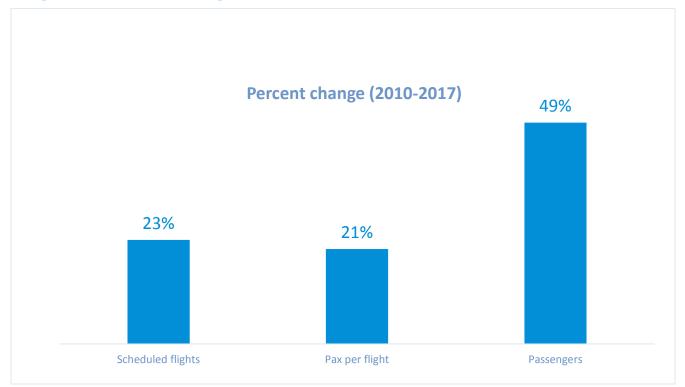
2010 76 pax / flight

2017 104 pax / flight 2017

38% more pax /flight

With 4% growth in flights in 2017 but 38% more passengers per flight on intra-EU operations, airlines demonstrated they are **consistently meeting market demand** and **efficiently using the capacity available** to deliver **consumer benefits** through intra European **connectivity** through increased load factor.

Growth in flights and passengers on International routes



Flights and passengers on International routes

Increased connectivity 23 % more flights in 2017

2010 124 passengers/ flight

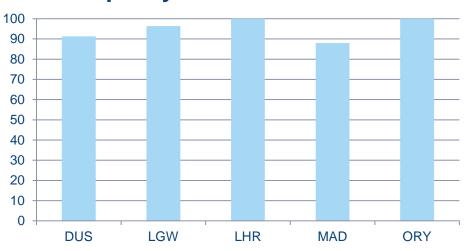
2017 151 passengers/flight 2017

21% more passengers/flight

Strong growth on international routes with 23% more flights in 2017 than 2010, and 21% more passengers per flight. Connectivity and growth on international routes bringing efficient and effective use of capacity available to deliver consumer and economic benefits of building strong networks with the rest of the world.

The 80/20 rule does not lead to wasted capacity





2017 Use of available capacity LHR 99% AMS 99% LGW 98%

Source: SDG

Capacity usage continues to be well above 80% at L3 airports, however, this is use of declared capacity. Regular **capacity analysis should be undertaken and made transparent for all stakeholders** to ensure the actual available capacity is effectively allocated. **The Coordinator can only allocate what is declared.** 

#### **Delivering connectivity in Europe**

#### Europe and Rest of the World city pairs

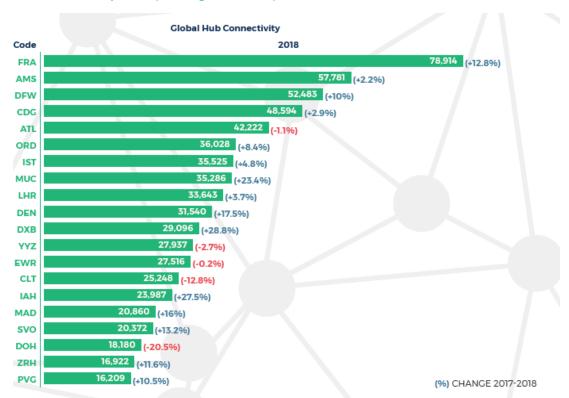


Source: OAG, airline-route must be operated at least 2x weekly to be counted Notes: airlines within groups (e.g. IAG, Air France/KLM) are not considered to be 'competitors'. For example, if a route is operated by both Air France and KLM, then this would be counted as '2 airlines' pre-merger, and a monopoly route post-merger

2010 – 2017
Despite
congestion
city pairs
between
Europe-RoW
nearly double

### Connectivity in European hubs is strong

European hubs remain the best connected in the world Hub connectivity – top 20 global airports 2018



7 of top 20 airports in EU

FRA No.1 in terms of hub connectivity globally

Source: ACI EUROPE Airport Industry Connectivity Report 2018