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Going global: Airport CO₂ efficiency programme now active in 3 continents

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Istanbul, 12 June 2013: Four years on from the launch of *Airport Carbon Accreditation*, European airport trade body ACI EUROPE took a moment at its 23rd Annual Congress in Istanbul to give an update on the programme and make a special announcement, about its newly extended geographical reach.

STRONG RESULTS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS

The institutionally endorsed¹ programme independently assesses² and recognises airports' efforts to manage and reduce their CO₂ emissions. It certifies airports at 4 different levels of accreditation (*Mapping, Reduction, Optimisation* and *Neutrality*). In the past twelve months, *Airport Carbon Accredited* status has been earned by a total of **75 airports** in 22 countries in Europe and **10 airports** in 7 countries in Asia-Pacific*.

GETTING CLOSER TO GLOBAL REACH

Earlier yesterday, a special agreement was signed with ACI Africa, extending the programme to African airports. **Enfidha-Hammamet International Airport** in Tunisia became the **very first African airport** to become certified.**

All the airports now certified by ***Airport Carbon Accreditation*** collectively represent **22%** of global air passenger traffic.

Olivier Jankovec, Director General ACI EUROPE commented "Year 4 of Airport Carbon Accreditation has been an epic year. We'd seen more airports reducing their CO₂ than ever before, including an entire national airport group becoming carbon neutral. Our colleagues in Asia-Pacific have secured the participation of 10 airports in Asia-Pacific, including Hong Kong International Airport, certified at the 'Optimisation' level. And now Year 5 kicks off with the extension to Africa - that's real momentum for such a young programme."

On *Airport Carbon Accreditation's* impact in Europe in particular, Jankovec added "In Europe alone, accredited airports welcome more than 900 million passengers each year and Year 4 has yielded a reduction of over 170,000 t CO₂ – enough energy to run 71,000 households for a year. This is concrete action that has produced effective, independently-verified results. Within and beyond Europe, airports of all sizes are now engaged in a real efficiency drive to reduce CO₂ emissions that is making a real difference to the industry's carbon footprint."

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Notes for Editors:

The IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) has estimated that aviation's total CO₂ emissions account for 2% of global emissions' impact on climate change. Of that figure, airports' own operations only account for up to 5%, but European airports are keen to tackle their greenhouse gas emissions – several individual airports operators having already committed to becoming carbon neutral in the past few years with some having already achieved this.

¹The programme is administered by leading consultancy WSP Environment & Energy and overseen by an independent Advisory Board including representatives from ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organisation), UNEP (United Nations Environmental Programme), the European Commission, ECAC (European Civil Aviation Conference), EUROCONTROL and Manchester Metropolitan University.

²**WSP Environment & Energy** is the administrator of *Airport Carbon Accreditation*. It is one of the world's largest environmental consultancy firms employing over 1,000 staff globally to provide innovative solutions to environment-related business issues. WSP Environment & Energy leads the field in carbon and climate change advice.
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Airports are at different points on this journey to become cleaner and more efficient. As the centrepieces of a complex web of aircraft movements, technical operations and surface access transport, airports can address their CO₂ emissions in a variety of ways. These can include better insulation and energy efficiency, switching to green energy sources, investing in hybrid, electric or gas-powered service vehicles, encouraging employees, passengers & visitors to use public transport, working with airlines & air traffic management to reduce runway taxiing times and implement green landing processes and much more.

*For full details of the levels of accreditation of each airport certified in the past 12 months, please see **Pages 32 to 38** of the **Airport Carbon Accreditation –Annual Report 2012-2013**, downloadable [here](#)

**Enfidha-Hammamet International Airport in Tunisia has become certified at the 'Mapping' level of the programme.

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ACI EUROPE is the European region of Airports Council International (ACI), the only worldwide professional association of airport operators. ACI EUROPE represents over 450 airports in 44 European countries. Member airports handle 90% of commercial air traffic in Europe, welcoming over 1.5 billion passengers each year.

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