

## **Press release**

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### **Liege Airport goes into turbo for freight** **#Freightersfirst**

**In order to accompany the strong growth of its freight clients, Liege Airport is going into turbo with its investments, devoting over 20 million euros for new warehouses and handling facilities.**

For more than 12 months, cargo activity at Liege Airport has been undergoing major structural growth. The companies on the site have opened new routes, integrated new aircraft and intensified their activities.

Since June, Air China Cargo, the largest Chinese cargo company, has been running a weekly flight between Shanghai and Liege and it will increase its rotations in 2018. Moreover, in early October, Air Bridge Cargo decided to establish its main hub at Liege Airport.

As Luc Partoune, CEO of Liege Airport, explains: *"First, the global cargo business is undergoing general growth driven by good economic performance in Europe, but also by the emergence of new niches driven by e-commerce. And the saturation of Amsterdam airport has changed the situation"*.

All these developments imply an acceleration of investments by the airport: *"In 2018 Liege Airport will increase its storage space as a priority. Nearly 20,000 sq. m. of additional warehouses and equipment are planned, representing an increase of 30% of our cargo handling capacity. The first hall of 6,000 sq. m. will be available in January 2018 and the other warehouses will be operational by the end of 2018. Our strong points, labelled Flexpress - free areas, no slots and quality service - appeal to operators"*, specifies Luc Partoune.

The strategy clearly defined by Liege Airport - #freightersfirst - is supported by this historic investment to meet current needs and future opportunities. More than 300 direct jobs will be created.

See the slideshow and other visual documentation [here](#).

#### **About LIEGE AIRPORT:**

Liege Airport, 8th largest cargo airport in Europe and 1st in Belgium in this sector, is the only European airport giving priority to full cargo. The airport is specialised in express transport, e-commerce, pharmaceuticals and perishable goods, as well as in live animals. Liege Airport, with its brand Flexpress, is an airport that is operational 24 hours a day and 7 days a week without restrictions, offering flexible and rapid quality service, all at less than one day by truck at the heart of the Amsterdam-Paris-Frankfurt Golden Triangle, reaching 400 million consumers.

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