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Austria's Commercial Airports Report Passenger Growth of 4.5% in 2017

January 2018. Austria's commercial airports handled more than 28.9 million passengers in the year 2017, a new all-time high! This corresponds to a 4.5% increase in passenger volume compared to the previous year.

"In spite of crisis-related challenges and a difficult market environment, Austria's commercial airports showed a good passenger development in the year **2017**. This underlines the efficiency of the flight hubs and the important role they play in their respective region", explains **Marco Pernetta**, President of the Austrian Airports Association and Managing Director of Innsbruck Airport.

On balance, all six commercial airports in Austria (**Graz, Innsbruck, Klagenfurt, Linz, Salzburg and Vienna**) achieved a new record in 2017, handling about **28,953,500 passengers**, a rise of 4.5% year-on-year (or an additional 1.2 million passengers). However, the number of flight movements stagnated (+/- 0% from the prior-year) at 281,043 starts and landings.

Cargo volume at all Austrian commercial airports fell slightly by 8.4% in 2017 to a total of 320,306 tonnes.

The Austrian Airports Association (AOEV) was established in 1956 and serves as the interest group for the regional commercial airports in Austria. Its members are the airports in Graz, Innsbruck, Klagenfurt, Linz, Salzburg and Vienna, which cooperate on a management and operational level.

The objective of the AOEV is to promote cross-company cooperation among Austria's commercial airports, the regular exchange of know-how on operational processes and to represent their common interests and concerns with respect to national and international decisions impacting the aviation and airport sectors. The Austrian Airports Association is engaged in an intensive exchange of views with its sister associations in Germany (German Airports Association - ADV) and Switzerland (Swiss International Airports Association - SIAA).

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