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### **Flughafen Wien AG Management Board Member Julian Jäger is the New President of the Austrian Airports Association**

**The association calls for repeal of the airline ticket tax**

**Vienna, Graz, July 2, 2018. Julian Jäger, Member of the Management Board of the Vienna Airport operating company Flughafen Wien AG, is the new President of the Austrian Airports Association. Accordingly, he succeeds the outgoing President Marco Pernetta (Managing Director of Innsbruck Airport), who stepped down from this position in line with the rotation schedule at the end of June this year but will continue as Vice President. The Austrian Airports Association (AOEV) with its members consisting of the airports in Graz, Innsbruck, Klagenfurt, Linz, Salzburg and Vienna, promotes supra-regional cooperation and bundles forces to advocate the interests of Austria's commercial airports. The AOEV calls for the complete elimination of the airline ticket tax and a clear commitment to the regional flight hubs.**

“About 29 million passengers frequented Austria's commercial airports in 2017. As a consequence, the country's airports play an important role, serving as an economic driver and job creator in the respective region”, says Julian Jäger, President of the Austrian Airports Association (AOEV) and Member of the Management Board of Flughafen Wien AG. “A framework which promotes growth and enables investments is necessary in order to sustainably strengthen the regional flights hubs. This includes the complete repeal of the airline ticket tax and simplification of the environmental impact assessment process”, Mr. Jäger adds.

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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