European airports at crossroads

"Facing the challenges of the 21st Century"



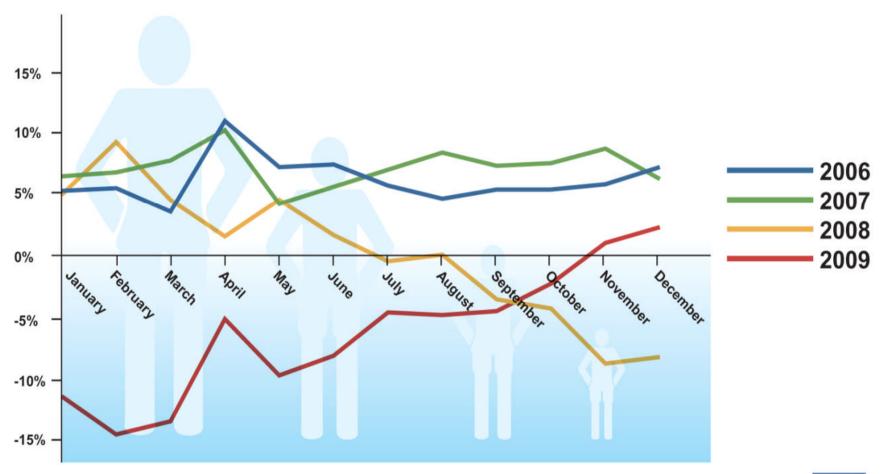
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THE VOICE OF EUROPE'S AIRPORTS



2009 PASSENGER TRAFFIC: -5.9%

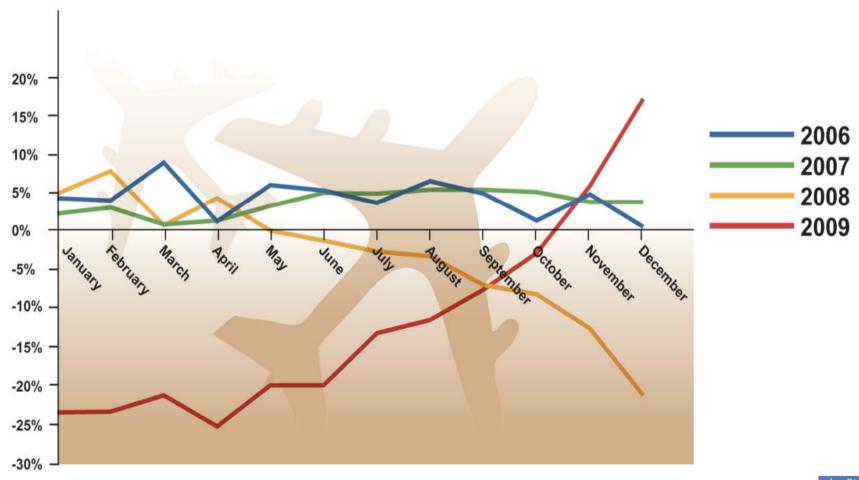
Overall Passenger Growth in Europe





2009 FREIGHT TRAFFIC: -13.1%

Overall Freight Growth in Europe





UNPRECEDENTED IMPACT

-100 MILLION PAX = DOUBLE WHAMMY ON REVENUES

- Declining aeronautical revenues
- Declining commercial revenues

INCREASING CAPITAL COSTS

- Access to capital markets difficult/costly
- Credit rating downgrades: BAA, Amsterdam, Dublin, Brussels...

DETERIORATION IN FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

- EBIT (H1 '09): up to -97% (top 25 European airports)
- Closure of Coventry airport
- INCREASING AIRLINE PRESSURE (charges)



TIGHTENING THE BELT

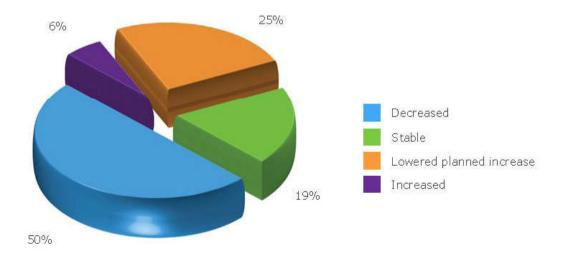
COST CUTTING

- Staff reductions: Amsterdam-Schiphol -25%, Dublin -20%,
 Manchester -5%, SEA Milan -30%, Glasgow-Prestwick 20%, ...
- Capital investments: -€2.8 billion

MOST CAPITAL INVESTMENTS CONFIRMED: €50 billion

- Long lead times in airport development
- Be ready for the rebound = air traffic to double by 2030
- Industry funded stimulus package

CHARGES = RESPONSIVE IN THE CRISIS





DIFFERENTIATED IMPACT

MOST SEVERELY AFFECTED MARKETS

- Spain, UK, **Eastern Europe**....
- MAJOR HUBS: RESILIENCE -4.7%
 - Transfer traffic
 - Diversified portfolio of airline customers
- SECONDARY HUBS: MORE AFFECTED -6.1%
 - Weakness of dominant carrier
 (SAS, Aer Lingus, Austrian Airlines, Alitalia, LOT...)
- REGIONALS: MANY LOSERS, SOME WINNERS -5.4%
 - Downturn of up to -60% at some airports
 - Dependence on a single carrier
 - Growth at some locations to the detriment of others



VOLCANIC ASH CRISIS



OVERVIEW Up to **80%** of airspace closed

+100,000 flights cancelled

+10 mil pax unable to travel

AIRPORTS +17 mil pax lost

+€300m lost revenue

€10m assistance cost

Most Fixed/variable cost unchanged

AIRLINES +€1.3 bil lost revenues

€200m assistance costs (AEA)

Fuel costs savings



NEW MARKET STRUCTURE

INCREASED DOMINANCE OF LOW-COST MODELS

- Growing market share: +50% in 2013!
- Increasing relevance to business travelers
- Challenge to Hub & Spoke model
- More pressure on charges expected

AIRLINE CONSOLIDATION













DOMINANT PARTY IN AIRPORT-AIRLINE RELATIONSHIP



IMPACT ON AIRLINES

NETWORK CARRIERS (AEA)

- Passenger traffic 2009: -6.3%
- Premium Passenger Traffic: -18.5% (Jan-Nov)...

... starting recovery in Q4

- EBIT: Estimated loss of €3.5 billion
- Cost cutting priority: -9% staff
- Strategic repositioning & product redefinition (short-haul)

CONTINUED PERFORMANCE IN THE LOW-COST SEGMENT

- Bankruptcy of smaller players (Sterling, Sky Europe)
- Majors still expanding (Ryanair: +13% pax in 2009)
- Increasing relevance for business travelers



BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION

Times Past



- Mere infrastructure provider
- Securing needs of a flag carrier
- Exclusive public ownership
- Dependent upon public financing

Today



- Fully fledged businesses with diversified activities
- Serving a wide range of customers with different needs
- Corporatisation is a must Privatisation
- Self-financing



INCREASING AIRPORT COMPETITION

European Airport Sector - Average Annual Growth 2003-2007 Global flag camer/alliance Major Hubs High share of transfer traffic Sustained growth >25m Passengers Small share of LCC traffic 3-5% A380, B747-8, B787, A350 Diverse carrier mix Secondary Hubs Medium share of transfer traffic Dynamic growth 10-25m Passengers Growing share of LCC traffic 4-7% B787, A350 Diverse carrier mix Limited transfer traffic Sustained growth Regional Airports 5-10m Passengers LCC traffic up to 50% 5% Mainly narrow body aircraft Traffic vary significantly Dependence on LCC/ **Small Regional Airports** Aggressive growth regional carriers <5m Passengers 7-11% No transfer traffic Only narrow body aircraft

KEY STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

DIFFERENTIATE FACILITIES & SERVICES

- LCCs /Alliances... Just like airlines!

REDUCE DOMINANT AIRLINE DEPENDENCE

- Legacy carrier or LCC

COMPETITIVE AIRPORT CHARGES: A "MUST"

- 3.5% of airline costs (ICAO)
- Airline-related charges: 22% of total airport revenues

DEVELOP NEW REVENUE STREAMS

- Commercial Developments
- 47% of total airport revenues

GROW INTERNATIONALLY & AIRPORT ALLIANCES

- Fraport, AdP, Zurich, Schiphol
- AdP & Schiphol, SEA Milan & ADR, ...



AIRPORT CAPACITY CHALLENGE

- THE CRUNCH traffic will double by 2030!
 - 41% capacity increase (5 new airports & 79 new runways)...

... BUT 11% of demand still not accommodated!

- 19 Heathrow-style congested airports!
- Unprecedented congestion levels!
- Far reaching impact: SES2, environmental efficiency, economic development & competitiveness...

FINANCING ISSUE

- Less airline-centric & More passenger focused economic regulation
- Incentivise airports to finance infrastructure development

POLITICAL ISSUE

- EU priority & national support (alignment with SES...)
- Increasing environmental pressure
- Aviation's license to operate & grow at risk!



AIRPORT CAPACITY CHALLENGE

Single European Sky (SES-II) package:

- Is aiming at creating a Single European Sky based on 4 pillars:
 - Regulation Performance
 - <u>Single Safety Framework (EASA)</u>
 - Endorsement of the SESAR Master Plan
 - Managing the Capacity on the Ground

Observatory on Airport Capacity

- Of central importance for European Airports
- Three Working Groups:
 - WG1: Capacity
 - WG2: Gate-to-Gate
 - WG3: Intermodality



AIRPORT CAPACITY CHALLENGE

NEWTWORK MANAGEMENT (major Element of SES-II):

- Need too coordinate overall activities of the network
- The Network Manager will have to deal with tactical (day-to-day to short term) and strategic (mid- to long-term)
 planning
- Capacity in the Air needs to matched with the capacity on the ground (System approach in the context of "Gate-to-Gate")
- Airports are ground coordinators and need to be integrated in the network planning
- Slot Regulation 95/93 will have to be considered for revision
- Airports need to partners for strategic planning



Questions?

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