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Liege Airport goes from strength to strength!

2016 has reinforced Liege Airport's leading role in freight transport in Europe. With more than 660,000 tonnes transiting its facilities, our airport is Belgium's largest cargo airport and the 8th largest in Europe. In turn, the consequences of the Brussels Airport attack resulted in a 27% increase in passenger traffic.

2016 Report

Liege Airport strengthened its position as Belgium's leading cargo airport with **660,604 tonnes of freight** compared with 649,829 tonnes in 2015 (+1.7%).

"There has been sustained business growth for all our companies with significant increases for CAL, El Al and Qatar Airways", explains Luc Partoune, Managing Director of Liege Airport. "In a transition phase following the buyout by Fedex, TNT continues to perform well and remains our most important client."



In turn, passenger numbers showed a clear increase following the attack carried out on Brussels Airport. More than 382,000 passengers transited the Liege Airport terminal as a result (an increase of 27%). "This has been an exceptional year due to the fact that in three weeks we handled 150,000 passengers who were unfamiliar with our airport and 1,600 aircraft movements of companies also new to our facilities."

More cargo, more passengers but fewer aircraft movements: down from 41,045 movements in 2015 to 37,987 this year.

New cargo hall in the north zone

In terms of real estate, Liege Airport is successfully pursuing its diversification strategy via its subsidiary Liege Airport Business Park. Occupancy of office space is running at more than 93%.

A new 6,000 sq m cargo hall will be built in 2017 with a 4 million euro investment. This warehouse demonstrates that demand for freight is strong.

Year on year, Liege Airport is consolidating its role as a major economic player serving an entire region.

About Liege Airport:

Liege Airport is the major cargo airport in Belgium and one of the leading European airports in this sector. Passenger transport is also one of its main development areas. A modern and welcoming terminal, combined with exceptional accessibility has placed Liege Airport in an enviable position. The flexible and simple model it has developed has, in just over 20 years, demonstrated its efficiency, allowed it to offer the best conditions to its clients and generated more than 10,000 direct and indirect jobs.

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