

Press release

**Istanbul Sabiha Gokcen International Airport (Turkey) and Liege Airport
(Belgium) sign an agreement to develop more business together**

Liege, 15 October 2014 – Liege Airport, Belgium and Istanbul Sabiha Gokcen Airport, Turkey, have signed a Friendship Agreement in order to encourage cooperation and strengthen the exchanges between the two airports.

The goal is a possible cooperation in business development; an evaluation of on-going and potential synergies that are beneficial to cooperation and an overall improvement of the business of both airports.

Liege Airport is Belgium's biggest air freight hub and Europe's 8th largest cargo airport. Every day more than 50 destinations are served directly, and weekly more than 130 destinations on 5 continents are covered by the cargo airlines at Liege Airport.

As a dedicated cargo airport, open 24/7, it guarantees fast goods flow and facilitates smooth cooperation between all logistics parties. Be it pharmaceuticals, perishables, live animals, electronics or heavy machinery, Liege Airport - the Flexport - ensures a smart and efficient logistics solution.

TNT Airways connects the airports of Istanbul Sabiha Gokcen and Liege Airport with a daily full freighter flight. Since this 14 October TNT is more than doubling its capacity by using a Boeing 767 freighter instead of their previous Boeing 737. This grows the capacity of the Liege – Sabiha Gokcen trade route to 17,500 tons per year.

Istanbul Sabiha Gokcen Airport (ISG) is Istanbul's international airport based on the Anatolian (Asian) side and serves as an important air hub in a strategic geographical location. ISG offers flights to 35 domestic and 95 international destinations with 50 airlines and this number is increasing rapidly.

Taking advantage of its unique location, ISG is developing its route network to strengthen its position as an air hub. ISG was the world's fastest growing airport in 2009 and 2010 and the world's fastest growing 10M-25M passenger airport in 2012 and 2013.

With the big advantage of being located close to the major industrial areas of the region, cargo operations at the airport run smoothly and speedily. This is the major factor for the increase in cargo flights at ISG.

With an intense on-going investment policy ISG supports this fast growth to remain Istanbul's most flexible airport for passenger and cargo operations.

“The partnership between Liege Airport and Sabiha Gokcen Airport can offer much more than just another link between Europe and Turkey. Because of Liege Airport’s strategic location and its minimal transit times, every corner of Europe can easily be reached in a minimum timespan. Additionally we serve as an intercontinental transit platform with high frequency full freighter traffic into Africa, the Americas and Asia”, said Mr. Luc Partoune, CEO of Liege Airport.

“We are pleased with this opportunity to work with Liege Airport,” said Mr. Harun Ay, Cargo Operations and Marketing Manager of Sabiha Gokcen Airport. “We believe that by cooperating and collaborating more together and by building joint connections, synergies will certainly develop, resulting in positive outcomes for both parties”.

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