

Liege Airport, 13 February 2018

Turkish Cargo touches down at Liege Airport

Liege Airport receives a new cargo company as from today, Tuesday 13 February, 2018. Turkish Cargo, a subsidiary of Turkish Airlines, will fly once a week between Istanbul and Liege.

This company will be principally transporting perishable goods for the European market (essentially France, Germany and Belgium). The freight handling will be done by Aviapartner.



For Steven Verhasselt, Commercial Vice-President of Liege Airport, the arrival of Turkish Cargo confirms the strong appeal of the airport: *"Our strategy is very clear: priority is given to companies specialising in cargo. We transported 717,000 tonnes in 2017, which was a record for us, and we aim to exceed 800,000 tonnes in 2018. The Turkish market is very important and is ideally situated at the crossroads of Europe, Asia and Africa"*.

"Our cargo company is one of those with the strongest growth in the worldwide goods transport sector", explains Mr İlker Aycı, CEO of Turkish Airlines. He adds: *"We already fly to over 80 destinations and our ambition is to link 120 countries. We aim to join the top 5 companies in the world for our cargo subsidiary with 1.5m tonnes transported by the end of 2018"*.

About LIEGE AIRPORT:

Liege Airport, 8th cargo airport in Europe and 1st in Belgium, is the only European airport that prioritises full cargo (#freightersfirst). It specialises in express transport, electronic commerce, pharmaceutical products and perishable goods, as well as live animals. Liege Airport, and its brand Flexpress, is operational 24/7 without restrictions, offering a flexible and fast service, all less than a day's journey by truck to the heart of the Amsterdam-Paris-Frankfurt golden triangle with its 400 million consumers.

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