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**Leipzig/Halle and Dresden International Airports together handled 1,880,276 passengers in the first six months of 2009. This represents a fall of 5.7 percent over the same period in the previous year. But the figures also reflect a slight upward trend, as the decline in the first quarter of 2009 was 6.6 percent. This positive trend is expected to continue as a result of the flights that are available; they have remained stable and have**

**recently been significantly boosted by the addition of direct connections from both the Central German airports to the Russian capital, Moscow.**

1,080,252 passengers passed through Leipzig/Halle Airport during the last six months. In comparison with the same period in 2008, this represents a reduction of 4.3 percent. The number of passengers at Dresden Airport in the period was 880,024, a decline of 7.7 percent. The German Airports Association (ADV) recorded an average fall of 7.9 percent. So both Central German airports were able to maintain their position above the average figure for the sector.

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But Leipzig/Halle Airport registered stable traffic figures with growth of 0.6 percent (28,503 take-offs and landings) as a result of the launch of full operations at the DHL hub based there. In this connection, Leipzig/Halle was the only major German commercial airport to once again set a new record in terms of the amount of freight handled – 236,816.8 tonnes, an increase of 21.9 percent. As a result, Leipzig/Halle significantly sets itself apart from the figures issued by the ADV, which show an average decline in freight volumes of 15.4 percent. The number of flights at Dresden fell by 6.6 percent to 16,686 take-offs and landings.

## New Centre at the Cargo Area South

**There is a new major project at Leipzig/Halle Airport: the construction of a new logistics security centre will be the second logistics building after the World Cargo Center at the Cargo Area South.**

DH Beteiligungen AG is building the centre (with floor space of 67,000 m<sup>2</sup>) in order to transport, store and tranship valuable items and precious industrial goods. The volume of investments for the new centre amounts to approx. EUR 100 million. About 100 jobs will be created at the new logistics security centre (south of the S8a state road).

The new logistics security centre is set to store, tranship and act as a distribution base for high-value goods and items from all over the world in future. The availability of cargo flights around the globe was a major factor in the decision to build the centre at the Leipzig/Halle air freight hub, which provides ideal general conditions for the operators of the logistics security centre.

## Open Day: Tens of Thousands of Visitors Expected

**Come on in, come on in! Two open days will be held at the airport on 22 and 23 August. Many airlines, tour operators, associations and companies from the region will be introducing themselves to the public at the central check-in area, the mall, parts of the eastern apron and Terminal B from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on both days. The Grüne Mitte will even stay open until midnight on the Saturday evening and provide an exciting entertainment programme. Large numbers of visitors are expected to attend: the last open day attracted 80,000 people.**

The Grüne Mitte (central green area) will be the setting for a broad entertainment programme for people of all ages. And there will be a great stage show on the MITGAS show truck, as

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### Leipzig/Halle Airport



The Cargo Area South



Many visitors from the region are expected to come to the open day

there was last year. Visitors will not only be able to enjoy music, many events where people can get involved and the catering facilities, but also a big wheel and Europe's biggest high wire show with the "Geschwister Weisheit" entertainment group. The huge technology exhibition in the individual airport areas and the various aircraft on the eastern apron area will definitely be a magnet for visitors. Of course there will also be various pleasure flights and round trips for the general public and an attractive raffle on both days.

## Leipzig/Halle Airport Receives Seal of Quality

**A readiness to provide services and a dedication to customers' needs pay off: Leipzig/Halle Airport will receive certification for its quality management in August – awarded by the "ServiceQualität Deutschland" (Service Quality Germany) initiative.**

The system involves a three-stage in-house quality management system, which is directed at service companies in the tourist service sector. A quality coach was appointed as the person to guarantee that services would be continually optimised at Leipzig/Halle Airport and she received special training for this task: Désirée Perez, Customer Relationship Manager in the traffic department, is taking over responsibility for monitoring the quality of services. As a result, she becomes one of 12,000 trained quality coaches based all over Germany.

By the way: the "Service Quality Germany" seal was also awarded to Dresden International Airport in February 2009.



## 1.139 Deutschmarks for a First-Class Flight to Leipzig: When Lufthansa Anticipated the Fall of the Berlin Wall 20 Years Ago

**Just weeks before the fall of the Berlin Wall, air services managed to bring divided Germany just a little bit closer together. A Lufthansa Boeing 737 acted as the forerunner of the political changes when it landed at Leipzig on 10 August 1989: inner-German air services to and from Frankfurt had been launched.**

Since 1984, Lufthansa had only been allowed to fly to Leipzig when the trade fair was being held. But in August 1989 it obtained permission to land in Leipzig twice a week (on Mondays and Thursdays). The agreement only ran until the end of the summer timetable on 31 October in the year of political upheaval. The price for a first class return flight was 1.138 Deutschmarks with 758 Deutschmarks for the business class. The flights between the two cities took almost one-and-a-half



Historical photo of Leipzig/Halle Airport

hours, as the aircraft were routed via Czechoslovakia. A direct flight from Frankfurt to Leipzig via Fulda was impossible according to the Allied agreements. Instead, the planes had to fly over Cheb and then almost to Prague before turning back towards Leipzig.

The Süddeutsche Zeitung newspaper reported on the development on 11 August 1989: "A new era in air traffic between West and East Germany started on Thursday with the first inner-German flight since the Second World War. The Lufthansa Boeing 737-300 with the name "Reutlingen" took off punctually at 9.21 a.m. on Thursday for the company's first scheduled flight to Leipzig. Lufthansa CEO Heinz Ruhnau said, as the aircraft departed, that this was part of the normalisation of air traffic within Germany. Ruhnau expressed the hope that his company would soon be able to fly to Berlin too – "where it belongs and where it was founded." It did not take much longer for that to happen ...

## 17 Onward Connections: Winter Flights for the Direct Dresden-Moscow Connection Can Now Be Booked

**The Russian airline Aeroflot has published the winter timetable for the direct Dresden-Moscow flight. Passengers flying from Dresden can change planes at Moscow Sheremetyevo and fly on to 17 other destinations in Russia, China, Thailand and Lebanon during the winter season (25 October 2009 – 27 March 2010).**

This means that Aeroflot offers connecting flights to 26 cities in all. After arriving from Dresden at Sheremetyevo Airport, passengers can use connecting flights to St. Petersburg, Samara, Vladivostok, Kaliningrad, Khabarovsk, Kemerovo, Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, Surgut, Volgograd, Barnaul, Omsk, Nizhnevartovsk, Krasnodar, Beijing, Shanghai, Bangkok and Beirut.

The take-offs and landings in Dresden and Moscow will be about four hours earlier than previously in the winter period. Tickets can be purchased by using all the normal reservation systems and on the Internet at [www.aeroflot.com](http://www.aeroflot.com) or [www.dresden-airport.de](http://www.dresden-airport.de) .

## Jet Air Links Dresden with Warsaw

**The Polish regional airline Jet Air will start flying between Dresden and Warsaw five times a week on 7 September. The British Aerospace Jetstream 32 aircraft with 18 seats will make a brief stopover in Zielona Góra. The travelling time is 2 hours and 10 minutes in all.**

Dresden International



Passengers flying from Dresden can fly on to new destinations from Moscow's Sheremetyevo Airport in the winter season

The aircraft will take off from Dresden on Mondays to Fridays at 6.35 a.m. and reach Zielona Góra Babimost at 7.15 a.m. The flight then continues to Warsaw at 7.30 a.m. and the plane will land at Frédéric Chopin Airport (Terminal 1) in the Polish capital at 8.45 a.m.

Jet Air will take off from Warsaw for Dresden at 6.50 p.m. on Mondays to Thursdays and Sundays. After the stopover in Zielona Góra at 8.05 p.m., the aircraft will finally land at Dresden International Airport at 9 p.m. The Dresden - Zielona Góra route can also be booked separately.

There is an introductory price of EUR 234 for departures between 7 and 30 September 2009. This includes taxes and fees and covers a return flight until 30 September. The Dresden - Zielona Góra route can be booked separately for EUR 180 (return flight including taxes and fees).

## ÖKOPROFIT Project Pays Off for the Airport

**A commitment to the environment is worth while: Saxony's Environment Minister Frank Kupfer, Dresden's Deputy Mayor Dirk Hilbert and the Chamber of Industry and Commerce President Hartmut Paul have presented Flughafen Dresden GmbH with ÖKOPROFIT status; the airport was one of several new companies to achieve this. Steffen Mäder, Noise and Environmental Protection Manager, accepted a certificate at the city hall's ceremonial room.**

A company environmental check was carried out at the airport during the last few months in line with the ÖKOPROFIT rules, the effects on the environment were analysed and an eco-programme was set up and work was started on implementing it. With the help of ÖKOPROFIT, the airport has been able to save funds totalling EUR 37,200, 376,700 kilowatt hours of electricity and 126.9 tonnes of carbon dioxide.

"I view the presentation of the ÖKOPROFIT award to 19 Dresden companies as a sign that our enterprises are becoming increasingly aware of energy and environmental management. Saving operating costs by using eco-friendly economics increases each participant's competitiveness and saves our environment. Everybody in the region benefits from that," Dirk Hilbert explained after the ceremony.

## Outstanding Utilisation: Multi-Storey Car Park Has to Be Expanded

**The multi-storey car park at Dresden Airport has been absolutely jam-packed on several occasions during the**



The official handover of the certificate in the city hall's ceremonial room



The multi-storey car park

last few months. And this has not just been happening during the main season – the terminal has developed into a popular event site. So it is time for a new extension – and work is due to start on expanding the car park at the beginning of September (construction costs: approx. EUR 9 million).

The extension work will increase the number of parking spaces by 1,313 to 2,872 in all. It will occupy almost the same area as the current multi-storey car park, but will have one more floor – it will be possible to build seven here on account of the incline. The building work is due to be completed by the end of May 2010.

## Major Neighbours Day at the Airport

**The district of Klotzsche in Dresden is celebrating its 700th anniversary with a festive weekend. The climax of these eventful days will be the airport's Neighbours Day on 12 September.**

Associations, partner companies and public bodies based near the airport will be introducing themselves to the public. There will be a technology exhibition, guided tours, plenty of games and fun for children and a colourful show with music and dancing. The Dresden singer and MDR TV presenter Uta Bresan (famous for her songs "Tierisch, tierisch", "Musik für Sie") will be presenting hits from her album "Solange du willst". The 27 travel agents and shops in the terminal will of course be open on this Saturday too.



TV star Uta Bresan will be taking part in the celebrations

From the Region

## 1st Central German Logistics Forum Meets in Leipzig

**"Stability and Change – Shaping the Future" – this is the title of the first Central German Logistics Forum being held at the Congress Center Leipzig on 26 August. German Transport Minister Wolfgang Tiefensee is the patron for the event, which is being organised by the German Logistics Association (BVL), the Leipzig-Halle Logistics Network and the Automotive Cluster of Eastern Germany (ACOD).**

Top-class speakers from the worlds of industry and business will use two sessions to explain how innovative solutions and concepts can help strengthen companies, create flexibility and play a role in actively shaping the future of enterprises. The two event sessions entitled "Supplier-optimised logistics processes" and "Service company integration", where experts from the sector will give lectures, will be complemented by a panel discussion on the subject of "guaranteeing fair competition".



## Dresden is the Eastern German City with the Best Economic Prospects

**Dresden is staying in the fast lane: the Saxon state capital captured top place in Eastern Germany in a study on cities with the best economic prospects.**

The study looked at how economic performance, jobs, population levels and purchasing power would develop in the 60 most important German cities between 2006 and 2015. As the Bad Homburg Feri Institute discovered on behalf of the business magazine "Capital", Dresden improved its position and is now the best Eastern German city in position 13 in the table that covers the whole of Germany (Dresden was 16th in 2007). Leipzig is in 19th position and Chemnitz 57th. The winner was Hamburg (4th in 2007).



Dresden is the (Eastern German) winner in the study

## Mendelssohn Festival in Leipzig

**Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy stands out from the many composers, who have worked in Leipzig: he was chief conductor at the Gewandhaus and he founded the first German music conservatory – without forgetting the timeless masterpieces that he wrote. World classical music stars will be getting together at the Gewandhaus for the Mendelssohn Festival to mark the 200th anniversary of the birth of Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy from 21 August until 19 September 2009.**



Riccardo Chailly

Kurt Masur, Gidon Kremer, Trevor Pinnock and Daniel Hope will all be interpreting the master's works, in addition to Riccardo Chailly. There will also be many events in Mendelssohn House or at St Thomas Church. You can find the complete programme at: <http://www.ltm-leipzig.de/cs/click.system?navid=15&id=3458&detail=1&sid=c>

## The Population of Dresden Continues to Grow

**Dresden is gaining ground. The number of residents in the city has been continually growing now for almost ten years. The latest forecast from the city hall expects further growth – by about 1.250 people per annum.**

There will be approx. 523,000 people living in the state capital by 2025 – that would be about 20,000 more than in the past. Dresden would then revert to the population level it had in the 1980s. Several factors are responsible for this growth. Firstly,

the people of Dresden are giving birth to more babies. The 1.000th baby of the year was born earlier than ever this year: Little Martha (51 centimetres long) saw the light of day on 13 July. Another reason for the continual growth in population is the fact that many people are moving to the city from the surrounding areas – particularly young people, who wish to spend their future in the state capital.

## Saxony-Anhalt: Improved Networking for Science and Business

**Dr. Valentin Gramlich, Deputy Minister for Science and Culture, informed the state government on 21 July about the results achieved so far in the state offensive entitled “Networks of Scientific Excellence”, which was launched in 2005. Saxony-Anhalt was one of the first federal states to introduce a change in the way it allocated research subsidies in order to focus on quality.**

The relevant outline agreement called “Research and Innovation” with a term running from 2006 until 2010 gives universities planning security within the time-consuming process of introducing specialisation. Over a period of five years, the universities are receiving an amount totalling EUR 100 million. Deputy Minister Gramlich said: “The results so far show that the performance potential in the networks with the world of business has been greatly strengthened through the modern structures in the science landscape – and Saxony-Anhalt has become competitive as a research location in Germany too”. One of the successful examples of the state’s excellence offensive has been the neuro-scientific research network in Magdeburg: It has been a partner institution of the newly created National Dementia Research Centre in Bonn since 2008.

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