AIRBALTIC CELEBRATES ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF CS300 OPERATIONS

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The Latvian airline *airBaltic* marks the one year anniversary since the first *CS300* aircraft registered as YL-CSA arrived from Montreal-Mirabel in Riga.

Martin Gauss, Chief Executive Officer of *airBaltic*: "The introduction of *CS300* has shaped the future of *airBaltic*. We see that more passengers choose to travel with us and since the introduction of *CS300* we have committed to launching more than 20 new routes. In addition, the *CS300* shows very good operational results, fuel efficiency and convenience for the passengers and the crew."

***airBaltic* started commercial operations with the first *CS300* on December 14, 2016. With the first *Bombardier CS300* aircraft – YL-CSA *airBaltic* has already carried more than 150 000 passengers. Thus far, *airBaltic* has completed more than 1 328 flights and flown over 3 374 block hours with the *CS300* YL-CSA.**

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Currently *airBaltic* fleet consists of seven *Bombardier CS300* out of a total order of 20 aircraft, which the airline plans to receive by the end of 2019. By 2021, as an all-*Bombardier* operator, *airBaltic* will have one of the youngest jet fleets in Europe.

***airBaltic CS300* aircraft currently operates on such popular routes as Amsterdam, Barcelona, Rome, London and Paris among many others. In addition, *airBaltic* in cooperation with *Etihad Airways* on October 29, 2017 launched the longest direct service operated by *CS300* between Riga and Abu Dhabi.**

The new *Bombardier CS300* aircraft, with a total of 145 seats, offers excellent flying experience with such benefits for passengers as wider seats, larger windows, more hand luggage space in the cabin, improved lavatories and more. The new aircraft is also much quieter – with four times smaller noise footprint. Moreover, at the moment, it is the greenest commercial aircraft in the world, as it is the first aircraft to have a transparent declaration of the life-cycle environmental impact, helping to reduce CO2 and NOX emissions by 20% and 50% respectively.

airBaltic serves over 60 destinations from its home base in Riga, Latvia. From every one of these locations, *airBaltic* offers convenient connections via Riga to its network spanning Europe, Scandinavia, the CIS and the Middle East. In addition, *airBaltic* also offers direct flights from Tallinn and Vilnius.

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