



ROUTES EUROPE AVIATION FORUM HANDED OVER TO HANNOVER

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On Tuesday, 24 April the Routes Europe route development forum was officially handed over to Hannover, Germany – the host destination for 2019.

Routes Europe brings together leading airlines, airports and tourism authorities to discuss air services to, from and within the entire European region and beyond. In 2019, the event will be hosted by Hannover Airport supported by the Lower Saxony state government and Hannover City Council.

Hannover Airport serves one of the widest and most powerful catchment areas in Germany. The hub's total capacity increased by 3% in 2017 to 3.6 million available departure seats, with international services accounting for more than 2.8 million seats. Capacity this year is set to grow to 3.8 million, according to OAG Schedules Analyser, 2.97 million of which will be to international destinations.

The Hannover region is a vital hub within the European passenger, freight and goods transport infrastructure and is one of the key aerospace centres in Germany. Widely recognised as a centre of business and science, the region is home to many international brands including Continental, TUI Group, Sennheiser, Jägermeister, commercial aero

engine business MTU Maintenance and steel manufacturer Salzgitter AG.

Steven Small, brand director of Routes said “Hannover is a global leader in technology and logistics. The event will showcase the impressive growth opportunities that the city and wider region has to offer.”

“Hannover has been delivering world-class conferences for more than half a decade. We look forward to working with Hannover team, over the next twelve months, to deliver another successful Routes Europe event”.

Stefan Schostok, Mayor and CEO of the City of Hannover and Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Metropolregion said “I am delighted to attend Routes Europe here in Bilbao, Basque Country and to be hosting the event next year. It is a unique opportunity to present Hannover as an attractive destination for airlines. I am very pleased to invite you to come to Hannover and discover one of the most dynamic cities in Germany.”

More information about Routes can be found at routesonline.com

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