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Commercial aviation 2021: Passenger volume increased by 20.3%, but still well below pre-crisis level

Vienna, 2021-02-24 – According to Statistics Austria, a total number of 11.2 million passengers (transit included) was counted at the six international Austrian airports (Vienna, Graz, Innsbruck, Klagenfurt, Linz and Salzburg) in 2021. Compared to 2020 (9.3 million passengers), the **passenger volume** increased by 20.3%.

"In 2021, the Corona pandemic has also had a significant impact on aviation. Passenger numbers have increased by a fifth compared to the first year of the pandemic 2020, when passenger numbers slumped by 74.4% to only 9.3 million, but are still 69.2% below the pre-crisis year 2019 figure of 36.2 million passengers", says Statistics Austria Director General Tobias Thomas.

A total of 124 691 **take-offs and landings** was registered in scheduled and non-scheduled traffic at the six airports in 2021. Thus, the number of flight movements rose by 9.0% compared to the previous year (114 428 take-offs and landings).

All Austrian Airports were still affected by the Corona crisis, although for three of them increases were reported compared to 2020. **Vienna International Airport** counted 10.4 million passengers in 2021, a growth by 33.2% or 2.6 million passengers compared to 2020. Increases were also registered for the airports **Graz** (+13.6% to 226 561 passengers) and **Linz** (+33.5% to 68 509). However, decreases were reported for the airports **Innsbruck** (-74.3% to 125 495), **Salzburg** (-55.2% to 299 845) and **Klagenfurt** (-40.1% to 29 577).

Regarding **air cargo** and **air mail** that was handled at all Austrian airports, a total of 221 459 tonnes of cargo and 6 412 tonnes of mail was transported by air in the reference year. This was a growth by 17.6% for air cargo and a decline by 2.9% for air mail.

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