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Air France and Transavia, two of the eleven FASTNet project partners. © Sébastien Aubry for Groupe ADP.

### Paris-Orly works on FASTNet

As part of Sesar 3 (Single European Sky ATM Research), Paris-Orly Airport is working on the pan-European FASTNet project. The focus is on achieving positive effects in terms of operations planning and decarbonisation.

FASTNet. which is short for Future Data Services for Airports and Network, is a project that is 70% funded by European Commission subsidies. The aim is to better anticipate our operations. Paris-Orly Operations Engineering, the Operations Division and the Information Systems Division are working together with Eurocontrol and Air France-Transavia to have everything ready for roll-out to begin in 2025.

"The aim is to improve the anticipation and reliability of operations planning. Sharing better upstream information with the airlines and the pan-European body Eurocontrol is an essential part of fine-tuning our forecasts and minimising changes on D-Day, both airside and landside, for instance in terms of allocating aircraft parking stands and the staffing of the security checkpoints", explains Mikaël Ferrer. Head of Operations Engineering at Paris-Orly.





Paris-Le Bourget is the first airport in Europe to set up a permanent dual supply of SAF. ©Gwen Le Bras for Groupe ADP.

### A Tech Day dedicated to sustainable aviation fuels

Groupe ADP and the Bioeconomy For Change competitiveness cluster hosted a Tech Day at the northern Environmental Resource Centre on 16 May.

Introduced by Yannael Billard, Head of the Environment-Energy Department within the Development Division, the aim of this day of conferences and round tables was to explore the future of sustainable aviation, with a focus on sustainable fuels and associated technological advances. An opportunity to benefit from feedback and identify new opportunities for innovation..

**Find out more** 

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Paris-Le Bourget is the first European airport to have a permanent dual supply of sustainable aviation fuel. Nearly 3.2 million litres of SAF were sold in 2023. In addition, we are developing a HVO (biodiesel) product for ground handling equipment that cannot be electrified.

Sébastien Couturier DIRECTOR OF PARIS-LE BOURGET AIRPORT

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# Relief as Liège Airport's environmental permit is extended



The skies are clearing over Bierset. Liège Airport can continue operating for the next twenty years, thanks to the new environmental permit issued by the Walloon government.

Around 11,000 direct and indirect jobs rely on the airport. © All rights reserved.

This signature comes at the last minute, after the environmental permit was granted, only to be threatened with cancellation in January 2023 by the Council of State. The new permit, which came into force on 3 May, maintains the threshold of 55,000 movements per year authorised.

While the text is unchanged from the previous version, it does take into account the observations and criticisms made by the Council of State's auditor.

Additional measures to protect local residents from noise pollution have been introduced by decree, including an increase in fines for non-compliance with regulations and the installation of more sound level meters around the airport's take-off and landing area. Groupe ADP holds a 25% stake in Liège Airport, Belgium's leading cargo airport and 6th largest in Europe.



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The number of passengers welcomed at Paris-Charles de Gaulle and Paris-Orly in April 2024. An increase of 7.2% compared to April 2023, or 92.8% of 2019 traffic.



## Emirates announces record annual profits

**5.1 billion dollars: this is a new record for the Emirates group,** whose portfolio of airlines is the largest in the Middle East. This represents an increase of 71% on the previous year. The group had already posted record profits of \$3 billion, after two years of heavy losses due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

### Celeste placed in receivership before its maiden flight

In the absence of sufficient funding, and despite support from local authorities, the Breton airline Celeste, founded in 2021, has been placed in receivership by the Commercial Court of Brest. The airline intended to operate a service between Brest and Paris-Orly.

At the end of March, the French Civil Aviation Authority (DGAC) had already ruled that Celeste had not raised sufficient funding to be authorised to launch its operations.

#### Mayotte: airport to be soon replaced due to geological risks

With Mayotte's current airport under threat from an underwater volcano, the government has announced that it will be presenting a project for a new airport in the autumn.

Feasibility studies are currently underway. For the time being, no exact date has been given for when the construction work will start. The situation is causing concern among local residents regarding the accessibility of the archipelago. According to some estimates, the current airport may no longer be usable from 2035.



### **Boeing's difficulties have repercussions on the FAA's image**

Since the beginning of the year, Boeing has been plagued by production problems and technical failures, most notably the incident on 5 January when a new Alaska Airlines aircraft lost an emergency exit door mid-flight. And since the aircraft manufacturer continues to reiterate that it "works transparently and under the supervision of the FAA", the FAA's reputation is also being affected.

### Therapy dogs at Istanbul Airport

For the past two months, dogs on leads have been walking around the various parts of Turkey's mega-airport to relax harried and sometimes stressed travellers. They can generally be found just before the police checkpoints. The trial has proven successful with positive feedback from passengers. However, the use of these so-called therapy dogs is not entirely new. Introduced in the United States after the attacks on 11 September 2001, it has already proved its worth in a dozen American airports.







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