



## Press Release

### Best summer ever for Antwerp and Ostend-Bruges Airports

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 1207 - The airports of Ostend-Bruges and Antwerp welcomed a record number of travellers during the summer months of July and August

#### Antwerp International Airport

July and August 2017 counted 53,548 passengers for Antwerp airport, an increase of 21.9% compared to the summer months in 2016.

#### Ostend-Bruges International Airport

Airport Ostend-Bruges recorded an increase of 27.7% in the summer months July and August compared to the same period in 2016, representing 106,090 passengers.

#### Popularity of regional airports is increasing

The increase in the number of passengers is mainly due to the new destinations and additional capacity of TUI flights which are certainly popular with the holidaymakers. The increase for both airports shows that regional airports are gaining importance and that travellers are finding it easier to get to these airports. Affordable parking, fast check-in, easy accessibility and proximity also play an important role in the decision-making process of travellers.

Dirk Van Holsbeke, General Manager TUI says: "Each year we see an increasing enthusiasm for the regional airports of Ostend and Antwerp at TUI. The accessibility, the small scale, the cosy atmosphere and renovated income hall offer a very pleasant and relaxed start for our travellers "

In order to optimize passenger comfort, new departure halls were built earlier this year at both airports. Travellers can now use various food and beverage facilities both before and after security, which further enhances the passenger experience at these airports.

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#### About Antwerp Flanders International Airport

*Antwerp International Airport is part of the Egis Group. 11 European routes are currently operated by 3 airlines. Besides scheduled flights, the airport caters for private- charter- and training flights. The regional airport is well known for its speedy check-in, short walking distances and affordable parking. During 2016 the airport welcomed 276.311 passengers, an increase of 24,9% compared to 2015. The number of flight movements decreased by 8,6% to 41.403 in 2016. [www.antwerpairport.aero](http://www.antwerpairport.aero)*

#### About Ostend-Bruges Flanders International Airport

*Ostend-Bruges International Airport is part of the Egis Group. Although an important proportion of the activities focus on freight transport, the airport caters for scheduled flights (21 sunny routes are currently operated), private- charter-, ad hoc and training flights. During 2016 the airport welcomed 434.970 passengers, an increase of 57,6% compared to 2015. [www.ostendairport.aero](http://www.ostendairport.aero)*