



# PRAGUE AIRPORT SUCCESSFULLY REDUCES EMISSION THROUGH ENERGY SAVING AND GREEN ELECTRICITY PURCHASES

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## CERTIFICATE of ACCREDITATION

Valid 10th November 2023 - 9th November 2024

This is to certify that **Airport Carbon Accreditation**, under the administration of WSP, confirms that the carbon management processes at

### PRAGUE AIRPORT

implemented by Letiště Praha A.S.

have earned the accreditation level of **OPTIMISATION**, in recognition of the airport's exemplary work in reducing its CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and engaging other stakeholders to do the same, as part of the Global airport industry's response to the challenge of Climate Change.



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Prague Airport continues to reduce carbon dioxide emissions. Last year, 59.45% of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions were saved compared to 2009, when the airport first calculated its carbon footprint. After a year, the airport defended the Airport Carbon Accreditation Level 3, involving third parties, namely airlines, tenants, service providers, and others. The certification process also included verification of the carbon footprint by an independent auditor.

Soňa Hykyšová, Prague Airport Environmental Protection and ESG Director, commented: "Last year, for the first time, we adopted a long-term commitment to purchase green electricity in the proportion of 60%, with a gradual increase until 2030. We launched operations of the first photovoltaic power plant at the airport, located at Terminal 3. We purchased Dacia Spring electric cars and will continue purchasing electromobiles. We also continue replacing the existing lights with new energy-saving LED lighting and closely follow the development in the field of alternative

fuels – both sustainable aviation fuel and hydrogen.” Prague Airport has been reducing emissions by an average of three to five thousand tons of CO<sub>2</sub> annually.

Prague Airport wants to reach carbon neutrality by 2030 and net carbon neutrality by 2050. However, as many as 85 percent of airport emissions are generated by third parties – that is, suppliers and airlines. Therefore, the airport motivates them to reduce emissions in different ways. Prague Airport organizes the TOP Sustainable Airline contest for carriers, in which, alongside noise and emissions, the entire airline’s approach to sustainability is monitored. Air carriers are thus motivated to deploy new, modern aircraft with lower emission and noise pollution levels on routes to Prague. Emissions are also saved thanks to the change in departure procedures implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic. The specific approach to reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the long-term horizon will be published next year in the decarbonisation plan, which is currently being supplemented with planned investment actions and operational measures.

### *Subsidiaries also reduce emissions*

Prague Airport’s subsidiaries have also taken measures to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Czech Airlines Technics has replaced the lamps on Hangar F with LED lighting and at the same time purchases green electricity. The same approach was adopted by Czech Airlines Handling, which also uses electric ground support equipment (GSE) with a commitment of a 40 percent share in 2030.

Prague Airport employees are also motivated to reduce their carbon footprint, for example, as part of the Biking to Work initiative. The main goal of the Airport Carbon Accreditation programme is to support airport operators in their efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from various airport activities. The programme brings together hundreds of airports around the world that map their carbon footprint and implement procedures to reduce it.

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