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Combating CO2 emissions : Aéroports de Paris is leading the way for European airports in its management of airport emissions

Aéroports de Paris' efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions were once again rewarded by ACI Europe* who renewed Paris-Orly and Paris-Charles de Gaulle airports' level 3 *Airport Carbon Accreditation* and the level 2 certification for Paris-Le Bourget.

"These certificates are testament to our ongoing efforts to reduce the emissions related to our own power consumption and also the fruition of the work we have been doing with our partners. We are fully in line with our commitments to reduce our CO2 emissions by 25% between 2009 and 2015." explains Didier Hamon, Group Secretary General, with responsibility for the environment. These two Paris airports, which have been part of this certification programme since 2010, are now at the front of the pack of European airports in the battle against climate change.

Several large scale projects, particularly involving renewable energy sources, have recently contributed to the fight to reduce emissions:

- The commissioning in the 4th quarter of 2012 of a biomass plant that will ultimately generate 25% of the heating requirements at Paris-Charles de Gaulle airport.
- The arrival of the first electric vehicles in October 2012 (Renault Kangoo Z.E and Peugeot Ion): Aéroports de Paris plan to acquire 200 electric vehicles between now and 2015.
- The commissioning in 2013 of a photovoltaic plant or "solar farm" at Paris-Charles de Gaulle. This "ground based" 4,000 sqm solar power plant will make it possible to generate 157 MWh of electricity per year that will be fed directly into the Aéroports de Paris network. This facility will mean savings of 7 tonnes of CO2 per year.

Airport Carbon Accreditation is a carbon management certification programme put in place by ACI-Europe, the professional air transport association. The certification assesses and recognises efforts undertaken by airports to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and must be verified by an independent third-party.

Airports can be accredited with 4 levels:

Level 1, or Mapping: the airport operator determines the sources of emissions which are directly linked to airport activities and calculates the corresponding CO2 emissions.

Level 2, or Reduction: the airport operator provides evidence of effective carbon management procedures (policy, goals, organisation, monitoring and staff training in this area). It must also show that footprint reduction targets have been achieved.

- Level 3, or Optimisation: the airport operator must take into account so-called "indirect" emissions (air and road traffic). They must demonstrate that a policy is in place to encourage stakeholders to reduce their CO2 emissions.
- Level 4, or Carbon neutrality: the airport operator must offset remaining emissions to achieve carbon neutral operations through a certified programme.

^{*}ACI-Europe is the European branch of Airport Council International (ACI), the worldwide professional association of airport operators. ACI-Europe represents more than 400 airports in 46 European countries.



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Aéroports de Paris builds, develops and manages airports including Paris-Charles de Gaulle, Paris-Orly and Paris-Le Bourget. In 2012, Aéroports de Paris handled almost 89 million passengers at Paris-Charles de Gaulle and Paris-Orly, 2.3 million tonnes of freight and mail and 40 million passengers at airports abroad.

Boasting an exceptional geographic location and a major catchment area, Aéroports de Paris Group is pursuing its strategy of adapting and modernising its terminal facilities and upgrading quality of services; the Group also intends to develop its retail and real estate businesses. In 2012, Group revenue stood at €2,502 million and net income at €341 million.

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