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**AIR FRANCE** expands its crew base at the EAP as a second Embraer 135 jet is to be based here. Two daily flights to Rennes are scheduled from Monday to Friday in the morning and early evening. Bordeaux will be served with a mid-day flight (Monday to Friday) and with an evening service (Sunday) ex EAP. The carrier has stationed one Fokker 100, Airbus 320 and two Embraer Jets at the airport.

**JAT Airlines** is planning two weekly flights from Belgrade to EuroAirport thus taking the initiative to exploit new markets in the TriRhena region. Days of departure will be Monday and Friday with Boeing B737-400 equipment beginning on 12 December.

**MASKARGO** has changed the routing on its Thursday flight. The B747-200 originates at Amsterdam before touching down at EuroAirport and continuing to Dubai-Kuala Lumpur-Sydney and Melbourne. MASKARGO Sales Switzerland has confirmed the new schedule on Thursday as a result of poor loads out of Manchester.

**SWISS** is changing airports and adding frequency. The airline will switch to Berlin-Tegel as the German capital's city airport Tempelhof faces an uncertain future.

Also, a second Sunday departure to London-City will be introduced bringing the total of flights offered between the EAP and London to 18 a week. **CROSSAIR EUROPE's** two Saab 2000 are scheduled to Berlin, Hamburg and Madrid in SWISS livery carrying a sticker "operated by Crossair Europe".

**EASYJET (EZY)** will operate as follows when adding more flights on 1 November:

EZY 2081 LTN : days 1-5 dep. 08.50 days 1-5, dep. 09.05 day 6, 09.35 day 7

EZY 2085 LTN : days 1-5 and 7 dep. 20.15

EZY 2095 LTN : day 6 dep. 19.25 – all flights operated with B737-700

EZY 3313 STN : days 1-5 and 7 dep. 13.30, day 6 dep. 13.50

EZY 7131 LPL : days 1-7 dep. 13.50 – all flights operated with B737-700

EZY 4533 SXF : days 1-6 dep. 07.10, day 7 dep. 07.55

EZY 4537 SXF : days 1-7 dep. 19.20 – all SXF flights operated with A319 (all UTC time)



Picture by: Martin Brügger

**AVIAPARTNER** introduced a scanner for cargo shipments at its warehouse. The system allows automatic registration of data of each consignment (shipper, consignee, forwarder, # of packages, description). Security checks, weighing and measuring of each shipment in one operation, printing all information on pre established reception documents, and automatically faxing security documents to the costumers can be carried out in a minimum time. Services can be delivered faster, more efficient and in a state-of-the-art fashion. The company decided to test the new system at its Basle terminal. AviaPartner took over the cargo handling from Air France Cargo in July 2003 which outsourced its airfreight handling at some airports in France.

**DHL** is mulling over a flight to Cologne in addition to service to Brussels. DHL is in talks with Brussels to double flights at night now limited to 68 movements. The plan is heatedly debated. Cologne might get a chance as Asian gateway adding more capacity to DHL's network. Brussels would remain as gateway to America. Flights to Cologne may start as soon as additional terminal space is available.

**ZONE 4 DEVELOPMENT** is apparently ready to be launched soon. Reports suggest that all contracts between EuroAirport, Carillion, the British Developer, and its prime users such as DHL, Federal Express, TNT Swiss Post and United Parcels have been finalised and are ready for final signature.

Also, construction of the Novartis' Corporate JetPort Basel started in July 2004 and should be completed in late 2005. The new facility will host terminal, maintenance and office areas

**SECOND QUARTER PERFORMANCE**

Year	2004	2003	in %
Passengers	679,000	621,000	+ 9.3
Airfreight flown	9,001	7,544	+13.6
Airfreight trucked	12,600	12,428	+ 1.3

**LOCATION CRITERIA FOR COMPANIES**

international accessibility is important but no decisive as concluded in a benchmark study (see graphic). The Irish economy is making a point, so does Zurich in the other direction:

Criteria	Rating
Availability of highly skilled professionals	3.7
Costs of hiring highly skilled professionals	3.7
Availability of work permits for foreigners	3.6
Access to telecommunication networks	3.6
High quality of university degree courses	3.6
Stability of the political and judicial systems	3.5
Availability of well-trained professionals	3.4
Costs of hiring well-trained professionals	3.4
Tax burden for companies	3.3
Social partnership	3.3
Regional quality of life	3.2
Openness to new technologies	3.2
Tax burden for highly skilled professionals	3.2
<b>Accessibility of the region</b>	<b>3.0</b>

4 = very important 3 = important 2 = less important 1 = unimportant

**MEANS of TRANSPORTATION - importance in %**

City	Year	Air	Road	Rail
BASEL	2002	83.5	13.2	3.1
	2003	80.5	15.7	3.7
FREIBURG	2002	79.1	18.3	2.5
	2003	77.7	19.8	2.5
MULHOUSE	2002	82.5	17.3	0.1
	2003	80.0	19.8	0.1

**EUROAIRPORT as point of origin for continental and intercontinental flights (in %)**

Airport	Year	EAP	FRA	ZRH
BASEL	2002	58.5	24.5	17.0
	2003	31.4	44.2	24.1
FREIBURG	2002	3.6	91.2	0.8
	2003	5.5	91.6	0.3
MULHOUSE	2002	65.2	24.4	5.4
	2003	38.9	51.8	6.8

**BAK BASEL** specializing in data to measure regional competitiveness comments:

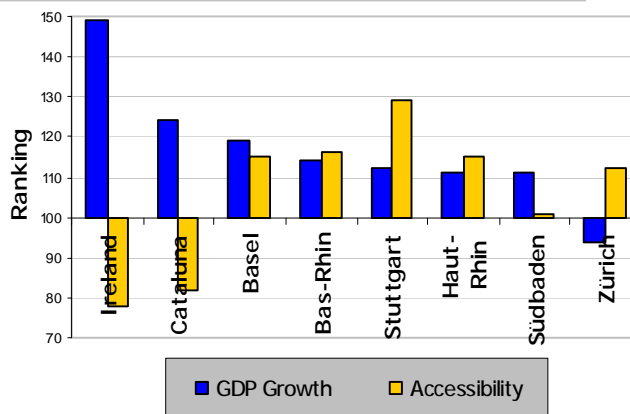
EuroAirport enjoys a high level of acceptance among business travelers within the Trinational Area of Basle. The region aspires to be a new urban centre of gravity with cities such as Basle, Colmar, Freiburg, Mulhouse. The airport serves as much as 90% of all cities best reached by air (slot 06.30h-09.00h). Therefore the interregional sector suffered minimally despite a substantial reduction of flights in 2003. This shows that airports such as Frankfurt or Zurich are no option as driving there is too time-consuming. Cars and trains have replaced the plane to cities not served by air. People living in Freiburg take Frankfurt or Stuttgart as alternative if flights ex EAP do not meet their itinerary. Lately, the EAP has improved its ranking as point of origin for intercontinental passengers ex Freiburg.

**JET AVIATION BASLE** enters the widebody aircraft completion market. Flight International dedicated an extended report on 31 August paying tribute to this fact. A senior vice-president of Jet Aviation Basle was cited that JET would compete for work on the super-large Airbus 380 should customers be found for the type. Another quotation referred to the company's ability to muster sufficient land at EuroAirport for a hangar of the size required by the A380.

Completion work on widebody aircraft has started on two Boeing models such as B767-300 on behalf of Mr. Abramovich, Russian magnate and owner of a London football club, and a B747-400 of the Government of Oman. A second B747-400 will follow hence providing work for 200 new staff in addition to the present staff of 700 employees over a period of two years.

The company is in the process of expanding its hangar facility totaling 13,500 sqm. by adding extra space. It must comply with French building codes and Airtraffic control regulations which require non-interference with the ILS landing system on runway 16 and installations providing safe taxiing, landings and take-offs.

Jet Aviation Basle has invested \$ 2.4 million in the new venture and will spend another \$ 8 million on hangar extensions. This business division focusing on luxury interior works and maintenance for aircraft such as Boeing B747s, 767s, 777s and the Airbus A330/340 family will compete against Lufthansa Technik (LHT) which has branded the entity as LHT XXL Class. Expertise in interior completion has made it possible to create in-house cabinetry, upholstery, glassfibre and paint shops which are primarily staffed by a local work force.



**SELECTED RESULTS of routes served by EasyJet** (departing passengers only computed by BfS in 1000)

Destination	APRIL through JUNE # of flights		
	EAP	GVA	ZRH
Berlin SXF	7	0	0
Liverpool	9	16	0
London-LGW	0	70	0
London-LTN	0	48	36
London-STN	11	1	0