



## **Press Release**

### **BARIG on the New Coalition Agreement: Opportunities for Further Development of Climate-friendly and Economically Viable Air Traffic**

- Slogan "Seeking More Progress" assessed as a positive signal for air traffic
- However, financing of projects must be distributed fairly

*Frankfurt am Main, November 26, 2021.* The Board of Airline Representatives in Germany (BARIG) welcomes a whole series of plans and projects that are presented by the so-called "traffic light" parties in the coalition agreement. From the international airline association's point of view, the agreement provides a basis for the further development of air traffic in a targeted manner and with regard to economic efficiency, fair competitive conditions as well as sustainability and climate protection – nationally as well as in a European and global context.

BARIG Secretary General Michael Hoppe comments accordingly: "The new German government's work will be primarily determined by the slogan 'Seeking More Progress.' We see this and the corresponding announcements in the coalition agreement as a positive signal for good and future-oriented support in further modernizing and stabilizing air traffic in line with the environmental and climate protection objectives."

BARIG welcomes, inter alia, the following plans of the traffic light coalition:

- Developing an air traffic concept that strengthens the industry, makes it more crisis-proof, and is in line with climate protection objectives
- Implementing successfully at a European level the measures presented by the European Commission in the "Fit for 55" package while simultaneously preventing competitive distortions or carbon leakage
- Using the revenues from the air traffic tax for the further development and production of alternative fuels
- Driving forward the expansion of rail infrastructure and, in this context, improving the connection of airports to the rail network at the same time

"As we have witnessed several times during the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, international air traffic is of enormous importance for the German, European, and global economy as well as for society as a whole, and everybody's individual mobility," Hoppe emphasizes. "We therefore appeal to the coalition partners to provide a feasible financing concept for their plans that is not putting the aviation sector at a disadvantage. Only then, the recovery of the industry and economy as well as the fulfilment of the climate objectives in aviation can be accomplished effectively. 'Seeking More Progress' will be primarily be achieved through fair framework conditions for all parties involved."



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