



65 Years BARIG: „Important and valuable for air traffic“



The Board of Airline Representatives in Germany (BARIG) celebrated its 65th anniversary. Our photo shows (from left to right): Carsten Spohr (Chairman and CEO of Deutsche Lufthansa AG), Bernadette Weyland (Hessian Secretary to the Treasury), Anke Giesen (Executive Board Member and Executive Director Operations of Fraport AG) and Michael Hoppe (Chairman and Secretary General of BARIG).

The speeches generally provided the same tone of message: Air traffic is a future-defining industry and Germany has to do its utmost in order to gear up and position itself correctly. BARIG's 65 Year Anniversary was attended by around 250 high-ranking representatives from air traffic, cargo and logistics, cooperating industrial sectors and federal and state government; they all gathered in Frankfurt to underline BARIG's importance as strong aviation association. With approximately 100 national and international member airlines from the global passengers and air cargo traffic, BARIG is one of the most important industry organizations, based in Frankfurt/Main.



The speeches at BARIG's 65th anniversary celebration were heartily applauded by the 250 invited guests.



Carsten Spohr,
Chairman and CEO of
Deutsche Lufthansa
AG, said: "In the name
of Lufthansa I con-
gratulate BARIG to its
65th anniversary. Since
its foundation, the
association has been

playing an extraordinarily important role in the German aviation industry. BARIG stands for diversity, competition and Germany's worldwide linkage. After the establishment of the Federal Republic of Germany BARIG had a major share in the process of reintegrating the country into the global air traffic network. By offering hundreds of passenger and cargo flights daily from and to Germany, the airlines incorporated in BARIG sustainably consolidate the air traffic industry as an elementary part of our infrastructure."



Michael Hoppe,
BARIG Chairman and
Secretary General:

"The airlines are facing great challenges in the coming years. Especially Germany has to defend its position in the global aviation

business and needs to work even harder in order to expand it. Considering the fierce competition from abroad, this will not be easy and can only be achieved, if all parties involved pull together target-orientedly. In this context, BARIG as largest national airline association forms a strong foundation that passenger and cargo air traffics can build on. Only if the framework conditions are adequate, the air traffic industry as highly modern industrial sector can significantly contribute to Germany's economic success in the future."



Bernadette Weyland,
Hessian Secretary to
the Treasury, congratu-
lated: "As the largest
national representation
of interests of airlines
operating in Germa-
ny, BARIG embodies
an extremely impor-
tant contact for air traffic related topics.

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Clearly it is in the interest of our country to strengthen the competitiveness of our domestic aviation industry. The Frankfurt airport is both flagship and motor for Hesse as federal state in the heart of Germany and Europe. Therefore securing and further developing the location's attractiveness as international air traffic hub is a matter of the heart. The Hessian federal state government values BARIG as a constructive communication partner who knows the ingredients needed for a fruitful dialogue: mutual respect, acknowledgement of the counterparts' interests and willingness to find solutions that are well acceptable for all parties involved. This applies especially to discussions on topics with great room for controversy, proven once again in the negotiations regarding 'noise pauses'."



Michael Kerkloh,
President and CEO of the
Airport Munich GmbH and President
of the Working Group
German Airports:
"I whole-heartedly
congratulate BARIG
to its 65th birthday;

surely there are no signs of retirement fantasies. I am looking forward to further constructive collaboration with our partners from BARIG. They as well as we as airport representatives support the efficient cooperation between airports and airlines in the same way and thereby contribute to strengthening the air traffic location Germany."



Anke Giesen,
Chairwoman Fraport
AG Operations: "The
worldwide largest
and most significant
country airline associ-
ation offers a valuable
platform for close
cooperation with our

most important partners and thus builds the base for our mutual success. The past 65 years, in which the commercial aviation industry in Germany and abroad has successfully progressed, show that this cooperation works out well."



Norbert Barthle,
Parliamentary State
Secretary in the Fede-
ral Ministry of Traffic
and Digital Infrastruc-
ture, in a greeting
message: "Together
we want to strengthen
the air traffic location

Germany, jointly with all players involved. In this context BARIG is one of the most important partners. For us as department of transportation it is clear: We want our German hubs to be successful. For this reason there shall neither be a general ban on night flights, nor an alteration in the legal operating hours at German airports. Furthermore, we advocate on international EU and ICAO level for even and standardized framework conditions. Fair competition is only possible on the basis of a level playing field."



From left: Michael Müller, Horst Amann (both Fraport),
Michael Kerkloh (Airport Munich)



From left: Pierre Dominique Prümm (Fraport), Grit
Engelbart (Lufthansa Cargo AG), Axel Schmidt (Deutsche
Lufthansa AG), Matthias von Randow (German Aviation
Association)



From left: Olaf Stokman, Timm Seiler (both Air France-
KLM), Alexander Holzrichter (Deutsche Lufthansa AG),
Jeroen Kuijper (Transavia)

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