

## CIVIL AVIATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT

### NOISE

Aviation generates noise emissions too. However, the number of people exposed, in relation to other transport carriers, is rather low.

Exceeding the emission limit value pursuant to LSV:

Transport Carrier	Exposed population over IGW <sup>1)</sup>	
	Day	Night
Road	1'200'000	700'000
Railroad	70'000	140'000
Aviation	27'000	57'000

The noise-exposed area <sup>2)</sup> around Zurich Airport has decreased over the last 20 years by two thirds, despite an increase in flight movements. At the same time, the population in the affected areas increased by 83%.

### ENERGY / CO<sub>2</sub>

Around 2% of worldwide fossil energy consumption is assignable to civil air transport. This results in a share of about 2% of man-made CO<sub>2</sub> output. <sup>3)</sup> Air transport contributes with approximately 12% of worldwide CO<sub>2</sub> emissions within the entire transport industry. Considering transport carriers in Switzerland, around 24% of all consumed fuel is used for continental and intercontinental flights. <sup>4)</sup> During an intercontinental flight a modern airliner consumes within a range of 100 km around 3 litres of fuel per passenger carried.

### CLIMATE

According to the report „Aviation and the Worldwide Atmosphere“ of UNEP and WMO (IPCC 1999) <sup>5)</sup>, the worldwide air traffic contributes with 3.5% <sup>6)</sup> to the man-made greenhouse effect. With increasing air traffic that share could grow up to 5% by 2050. The state of scientific research on the impact of nitric oxides and water vapour arising from aircraft engines on the greenhouse effect still shows significant uncertainties. In the long-run the climatic influence will be dominated by the CO<sub>2</sub> emission. The latest scientific studies assume that based on an assessment period of 100 years these materials strengthen the greenhouse effect of CO<sub>2</sub> by the factor 1.35 <sup>7)</sup>. CO<sub>2</sub> emissions at cruise altitude have the same effect as ground-level emissions (e.g. road traffic, industry or heating). Approximately one third of the nitrogen oxide at cruising level originates from shipped ground-level emissions, from aircraft or has natural origins (thunderstorm).

<sup>1)</sup> IGW – imission limit value (aircraft noise: night-time > 50 dB(A) Leq) Principles: Zurich 2013, Geneva 2012

<sup>2)</sup> 60 dB(A) Leq day-time noise (IGW ES II)

<sup>3)</sup> Metz, B., Davidson, O. R., Bosch, P., Dave, R., & Meyer, L. 2007. *Climate change 2007: Mitigation of climate change. Working group III contribution to the fourth assessment report of the IPCC*

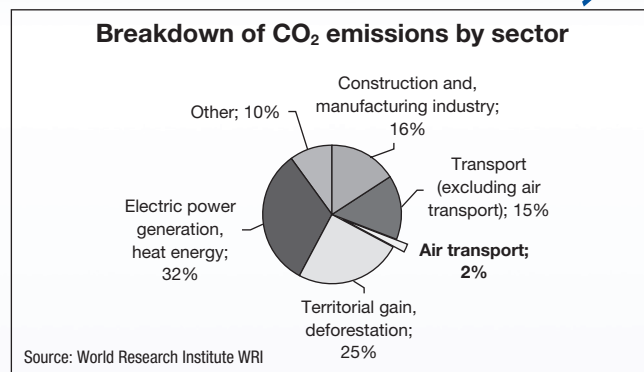
<sup>4)</sup> Overall energy statistics of the Federation

<sup>5)</sup> IPCC is the scientific body of UNEP (United Nations Environmental Program) and WMO (World Meteorological Organisation).

<sup>6)</sup> Besides the impact of CO<sub>2</sub>, further effects such as nitric oxides and condensation trails related to emissions released to date are included herein.

<sup>7)</sup> D.S. Lee et al. Transport impacts on atmosphere and climate/Aviation Atmospheric Environment 44 (2010) 4678–4734

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The global aviation industry is engaged to further mitigate greenhouse gas emissions.

This engagement is based on four pillars:

- **1<sup>st</sup> pillar: improved technology** (e.g. lower-emission engines, lighter aircraft equipment, alternative fuels from renewable resources)
- **2<sup>nd</sup> pillar: operational measures** (e.g. shorter and more direct air routes, fuel-saving start and landing procedures)
- **3<sup>rd</sup> pillar: more efficient infrastructure** (e.g. better use of airspace and airports)
- **4<sup>th</sup> pillar: economic measures** (e.g. voluntary CO<sub>2</sub>-offset, emission trading)

### EMISSION TRADING

In 2012, aviation became subject to the European Emissions Trading System (EU ETS). Airlines must thereby compensate their CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by acquiring CO<sub>2</sub> emission rights. According to the EU Directive, the EU ETS should initially apply to all flights to and from destinations in Europe. Due to international opposition against its extraterritorial legal effects, the EU ETS currently applies to flights within the EU only. The Federal Council intends including Swiss air transport when associating the Swiss emissions trading system with the EU ETS. A corresponding agreement was initiated early 2016. In autumn 2016, ICAO decided introducing the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Schemes (CORSA). This requires aviation to compensate for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions that exceed the level of 2020. To date, 68 countries (including Switzerland), being responsible for more than 85% of the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from international civil aviation, have expressed their intention to participate in this system. The possible influence of CORSA on the future design of emissions trading in Europe is currently not foreseeable yet. The aviation sector supports the introduction of CORSA, however, rejects regional measures such as EU ETS. These would lead to competitive distortions and induce detour traffic via hubs outside Europe.

## AEROSUISSE

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# AEROSUISSE

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## CIVIL AVIATION IS OF OUTSTANDING IMPORTANCE FOR SWITZERLAND<sup>1)</sup>



### VALUE ADDED AND LABOUR FORCE OF CIVIL AVIATION<sup>1)2)</sup>

Effects <sup>3)</sup>	Value added <sup>4)</sup> in billion CHF	GDP <sup>4)</sup> %	Occupation VTE <sup>5)</sup>
Direct <sup>1)</sup>	8.2		44'280
Indirect <sup>1)</sup>	3.9		22'670
<b>Economic significance in a narrower sense<sup>1)</sup></b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>66'950</b>
Induced <sup>1)</sup>	12.4		71'500
<b>Economic significance in a broader sense<sup>1)</sup></b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>138'450</b>
Catalytic <sup>2)</sup>	9.0		55'300
<b>Sum of all effects<sup>6)</sup></b>	<b>33.5</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>190'000</b>

### BREAKDOWN OF DIRECT EMPLOYMENT EFFECTS

	No. of employees
Zurich	26'800
Geneva	11'000
Basel	6'200
Bern	500
St. Gallen-Altenrhein	400
Lugano	300
Sion	200
<b>Airports with airline movements<sup>6/7)</sup></b>	<b>45'400</b>

Regional airports without airline traffic	340
Airfields and miscellaneous (flying schools etc.)	550
Helicopters	110
<b>Airports without airline movements<sup>2/7)</sup></b>	<b>1'000</b>

### Aviation industry (maintenance, fitting, sub-components)<sup>1)</sup>

	16'220
Operation of a short- / medium-haul aircraft	40 – 120
Operation of a long-haul aircraft	210
Per million flight passengers <sup>8)</sup>	750 – 2'000

<sup>1)</sup> Aviation Policy Report of Federal Council, 2016

<sup>2)</sup> Economic significance of aviation in Switzerland, 1 June 2011, INFRAS

<sup>3)</sup> The sum of direct and indirect effect corresponds to the (causally narrow) economic significance of aviation in Switzerland (incl. exports of aviation industry). The induced and catalytic effect illustrates, which further, causally less narrow, economic linkages aviation exhibits with the rest of the economy.

<sup>4)</sup> Incl. exports of aviation industry

<sup>5)</sup> Full Time Equivalent

<sup>6)</sup> Head Count SIAA and Sion Airport

<sup>7)</sup> Including aviation industry

<sup>8)</sup> Direct and indirect effects

## CIVIL AVIATION IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST



In its report dated 24 February 2016 considering Swiss aviation policy, the Federal Council particularly emphasizes the great significance of civil aviation in Switzerland as well as the optimal international air traffic connections.

The airline traffic is explicitly recognised as part of the public transport.<sup>1)</sup>

On a value basis, up to 40% of all exports is forwarded by air freight.<sup>1)</sup>

30–35% of foreign tourists visit Switzerland by air.<sup>1)</sup>

Per capita basis, Switzerland is one of the countries with the most condensed air navigation demand in the world.

### THE CONFEDERATION'S CIVIL AVIATION EXPENDITURES IN COMPARISON (CHFM)

	2015	2016
Total expenditures federal government	65'243	66'261
whereof transport	8'322	9'104
whereof aviation <sup>2)</sup>	167	185

The confederation's expenditures in favour of civil aviation are with 0.26% in 2015 and 0.28% 2016 in relation to the overall expenditures extremely modest.

With few exceptions no federal funds flow into the aviation sector.<sup>1)</sup>

### AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL

Skyguide, the Swiss incorporated limited company for civil and military air traffic control, coordinates and directs the air traffic of Switzerland and parts of neighbouring airspace. Skyguide is an enterprising and customer oriented private limited company owned by the federal government. Its running costs are covered by route and landing charges as well as statutory contributions of the federal government.

	2014	2015	2016
Revenue in CHFM	449	450	455
Employees (Full Time Equivalents)	1'397	1'412	1'426

Airports where Skyguide is in charge: Alpnach, Bern, Buochs, Dubendorf, Emmen, Geneva, Grenchen, Locarno, Lugano, Meiringen, Payerne, Sion, St. Gallen-Altenrhein und Zurich. On the regional airport Les Éplatures the local air navigation service is delegated to the airport operator.

<sup>1)</sup> Aviation Policy Report of Federal Council, 2016

<sup>2)</sup> Expenditures for international organisations of civil aviation, certain security tasks, supervision (FOCA), education, aircraft procurement, payments to Skyguide, contributions of mineral oil tax money

## FIGURES ON SWISS CIVIL AVIATION



	2014	2015	2016
FLIGHT PASSENGERS (on SIAA airports) <sup>1)</sup>			
Zurich	25'477'622	26'281'228	27'666'428
Geneva	15'152'915	15'771'271	16'532'691
Basel	6'523'874	7'061'059	7'314'269
Bern	192'846	190'032	183'320
Lugano	145'521	165'984	176'688
St. Gallen-Altenrhein	94'070	101'092	108'413
<b>Total</b>	<b>47'586'848</b>	<b>49'570'666</b>	<b>51'981'809</b>

### FLIGHT MOVEMENTS (on national and regional airports)

Zurich	264'970	265'095	269'160
Geneva	187'596	188'829	189'840
Basel	89'474	94'359	95'542
Birrfeld	69'378	72'807	71'127
Grenchen	74'075	70'870	66'854
Bern	54'356	51'144	50'207
Lausanne-Blécherette	46'112	37'821	38'127
Sion	39'941	41'016	37'119
St. Gallen-Altenrhein	29'731	27'288	26'382
Lugano	20'263	21'275	19'577
Samedan	14'284	16'007	14'961
Écuwillens	15'391	15'201	14'842
Les Éplatures	11'943	11'941	12'015
Bressaucourt	8'311	8'095	8'072
<b>Total</b>	<b>925'825</b>	<b>921'748</b>	<b>913'825</b>

Transit flights within the Swiss airspace	684'372	703'037	716'159
Destination / countries <sup>2)</sup>	185/56	185/55	187/56
Airlift Rega by helicopter	10'802	11'186	11'055
Airlift Rega by jet aircraft	1'170	1'167	1'249
Freight and post (t)	410'633	404'632	431'141

<sup>1)</sup> SIAA Swiss International Airports Association

<sup>2)</sup> operated by Swiss domiciled airlines

## FIGURES ON SWISS CIVIL AVIATION



	2014	2015	2016
AIRPORTS			
National airports	3	3	3
Regional airports	11	11	11
Airfields	48	48	48
Helicopters	24	24	24
COMPANIES			
Airline operators	8	9	8
Commercial operators (non-airline)	68	66	62
Maintenance and repair shops	85	84	85
Flight schools	138	140	141
Hang-gliding schools with SHV label	67	67	65
other hang-gliding schools	57	60	67
Parachute schools	14	14	14
Manufacturers	19	18	18
Ground Handlers	4	4	4

### DEVELOPMENT OF THE AIRCRAFT PORTFOLIO

Airplanes (fixed wing)	1'880	1'850	1'823
Helicopter (rotor wing)	321	326	337
Engine-powered gliders	258	253	249
Gliders	720	696	658
Hang-gliders	15'452	15'281	15'780
Drones			10'280
Balloons	366	358	339
Airships	11	11	8

### SWISS TRAFFIC NETWORK

	2016
Line network of Swiss-domiciled airlines	439'780 km
Roadways (in Switzerland)	71'520 km
Railways (in Switzerland)	5'304 km

### EXPOSED TERRAIN

	Area	Area per capita
Land area of Switzerland	41'285 km <sup>2</sup>	4'904.00 m <sup>2</sup>
Airports <sup>1)</sup>	30 km <sup>2</sup>	3.65 m <sup>2</sup>
Sealed land area in respect of:		
Roadways	741 km <sup>2</sup>	90.36 m <sup>2</sup>
Railways	95 km <sup>2</sup>	11.58 m <sup>2</sup>
Airports <sup>1)</sup>	8 km <sup>2</sup>	0.97 m <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1)</sup> National and regional airports

## FIGURES OF SWISS CIVIL AVIATION



### TRAINING CENTRES IN SWITZERLAND

Airfields across the entire country offer various opportunities getting trained in aviation activities and practice aviation sports. This task is provided by 141 flight training schools, 132 hang-gliding flight schools and more than 400 clubs.

Many dynamic companies offering qualified employment and access to several vocational training are located at domestic airfields.

### LICENCES

	2014	2015	2016
Private Pilot	4'904	4'872	4'777
Commercial Pilot	1'107	1'050	1'083
Airline Transport Pilot	2'478	2'571	2'492
Multi-Crew Pilot License (MPL/A)	94	87	70
Helicopter Pilot	1'025	1'043	1'068
Glider Pilot	1'729	1'715	1'766
Balloonist	278	255	247
Hang-Glider	36'700	37'755	38'661
Drone Pilot			145
Parachutist	1'590	1'664	1'669
Recognition of foreign permits	15	11	8
On-Board Engineer	3	2	3
On-Board Radio Operator	4	4	5
Aircraft Maintenance Mechanic	2'991	2'992	2'887

### THE SWISS AVIATION INDUSTRY<sup>1)</sup>

The aviation industry is the basis of an efficient aviation sector. It comprises development, manufacturing and maintenance companies overall employing around 12'850 people. The aviation industry's value added (direct effect) amounts up to CHF 1.9 billion. Including suppliers (indirect effect) staff number is increasing to 18'200 generating a value added of over CHF 2.8 billion. The aviation industry also includes ground handling and catering companies.

The largest direct economic value is achieved by the 60 EASA Part 21 and EN9100 manufacturing companies, which generate well over CHF 1 billion. They all manufacture and supply extremely innovative and technically demanding aircraft as well as systems, subassemblies and aircraft components in order to prevail towards foreign competitors.

<sup>1)</sup> Aviation Policy Report of Federal Council, 2016

The Swiss manufacturing companies enjoy an excellent reputation and are largely growing in their niche markets in spite of the strong Swiss Franc. In the subcategories such as light aircraft as well as unmanned aircraft and alternative rotor wing concepts new companies have been established. In the maintenance business the competitive pressure due to high wage costs and the strong Swiss Franc remains.

The increasing regulatory density at European level confronts the entire aviation industry with new major challenges that can only be mastered through innovative products and process improvements.

### SWISS SPACE INDUSTRY

As a founding member of the European Space Agency (ESA), Switzerland was able to contribute to the European space activities from the very beginning. The Swiss space industry is an important partner in many European space projects. In March 2017, ESA launched another satellite, Sentinel-2B, in a series of missions that form the core of the European Earth observation programme Copernicus. Copernicus' image data will be available for environmental protection, agriculture and forestry, spatial planning and disaster management. By 2021 a total of five different sentinel missions should have been launched.

To date, Switzerland is contributing to the ESA budget with ca. CHF 170 million per year. A large number of Swiss companies, universities and research institutes is engaged in ESA's earth observation programmes. The most important objectives from a Swiss perspective is the development of technological and industrial competencies in the field of sensor and instrument manufacturing as well as promotion of operational application of earth observation data.

The emphasis of the Swiss space industry lies on the development and manufacturing of subsystems that become applicable in space. The range of products is broad and extends from payload fairings and structures to optical, mechanical and electronic components as well as scientific instruments and ground equipment. The carbon fibre structures of the European carrier rockets Ariane 5 and Vega are also made in Switzerland.

Thanks to their extensive expertise and technologies, Swiss aerospace companies are successful in commercial space projects outside of European markets too. In the aggregate, the members of Swiss Space Industries Group (SSIG) achieve an annual turnover of ca. CHF 260 million. This corresponds to approximately 85% of revenues of the entire Swiss sector. Of the over 900 people being employed in space-related organisations, the majority has above-average qualifications. Around the half of all employed manpower in space has a university degree.