

## AEROSUISSE Bulletin II/2019



**Dear readers**



The times of “fair weather” are over for AEROSUISSE. The pressure applied to swiss aviation has significantly intensified during the past months – and will continue to rise. The new balance of power in the parliament, the dwindling perception concerning aviation of the Federal Department for the Environment, Transportation, Energy and Communications (UVEK) and the difficult economic environment increase the challenges for 2020. Only compromises will lead to solutions. If members insist on maximum demands, we shall fail. AEROSUISSE accepts the challenges and will continue to fight tirelessly, fact-based and with the necessary assertiveness for the swiss aviation and space location.

We thank all members for their support and on this note, I wish you and your loved ones a happy festive season and all the best for 2020.

*National Councillor Thomas Hurter, president of AEROSUISSE*

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#### **Air ticket levy ought to revert to aviation**

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AEROSUISSE has always made a stand against the involvement of Swiss aviation in the European emissions trading system. On 9 December, the agreement on linking the Swiss and European emissions trading systems was ratified. It comes into effect on 1 January 2020 and now also includes aviation. From 2020, the CORSIA CO2 compensation system will come into effect worldwide, which results in a double taxation for Swiss airlines – the Federal Council has always opposed this measure. AEROSUISSE is still decidedly opposed to this air ticket levy that unfortunately still can gain a political majority. Since the levy can hardly be prevented, AEROSUISSE campaigns for those taxes to be reverted to aviation in order to mitigate CO2. AEROSUISSE advocates against the private flight tax linked to the air ticket levy. Thus, promoting a comprehensive education campaign is very important.

#### **A clear «yes» from the National Council and the Council of States to new fighter jets**

[Purchasing new fighter planes](#)

After the clear approval of the planning resolution for purchasing new fighter planes for 6 billion francs on 24 September by «old» Council of States, the «new» National Council followed suit on 9 December by 124 votes against 68. AEROSUISSE is delighted about this result. President and National Councillor Thomas Hurter has actively contributed to this process. Thus, the alternative proposition put forward by the Socialist Party shortly before the debate, which budgeted one billion instead of six for new fighter planes, stood no chance.

## Committed to the civil airfield of Dübendorf

[Press release Confederation  
28.11.19](#)

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[SIL-Dübendorf](#)

AEROSUISSE was astonished to learn about the new starting position concerning the future of the airfield in Dübendorf, which was presented by the UVEK on 28 November. The UVEK's approach jeopardizes the planning security of the civil airfield in Dübendorf. For AEROSUISSE it is clear that new solutions must immediately be found for the UVEK's new requirements: expropriation of land and safety-related aspects. Without the civil airfield of Dübendorf the business location Zurich will lose its international connections through business aviation and leisure and sports aviation will lose an important location for their activities.

## General Aviation leaves aerospace umbrella organization

[Communication Aero-Club der  
Schweiz 23.10.19](#)

The Aero Club of Switzerland, AOPA Switzerland and the Swiss Aerodromes Association have decided to withdraw from AEROSUISSE by the end of 2019. The three general aviation associations believe that, on their own, they will achieve better results in the political arena in Berne than under the umbrella of AEROSUISSE. The latter regrets the withdrawal, but the absence of contributions from general aviation is financially bearable. In future, AEROSUISSE will thus dedicatedly campaign for commercial aviation and aerospace.

## Reserve the following dates in 2020

- On **5 March** an all-day **business aviation** event is scheduled in Berne.
- The AEROSUISSE **general assembly** 2020 will be held on **28 May** at Geneva airport, concurrently with EBACE, the business aviation exhibition.
- The **Aviation Youth Congress 2020** organized by Pro Aero and AEROSUISSE is scheduled for **6 June** at the Museum of Transport in Lucerne.

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