



Framework conditions: Germany and Gulf states in comparison

State-owned airlines from the Gulf – in particular Emirates and Qatar – siphon off many millions of travelers from German and European airports every year, and increasingly steer the global passenger streams via their mega hubs. The governments in the United Arab Emirates and Qatar are massively supporting the predatory competition. The comparison shows that German airlines are having to assert themselves under far more difficult conditions.



		Germany	UAE/Qatar
Airlines	Billions' worth of subsidies	No	Yes*
	Market behavior i.a.w. air traffic agreements	Yes	No
	Private commercial	Yes	No
Taxes	Aviation tax	Yes	No
	Revenue tax	Yes	No
	Income tax for employees	Yes	No
Fees	Airport charges	High	Low
	Air traffic control charges	High	Low
	Air safety charges	High	Low
Environment	Emissions trading	Yes	No
	Noise protection	Yes	No
	Noise-related charges	Yes	No
	Nighttime flight ban	Yes	No
Labor market	40-hour week	Yes	No
	Protection against dismissal	Yes	No
	Trade unions	Yes	No
	Right to strike	Yes	No

*USD 42 billion of state support, aid and capital injections according to calculations by American Airlines, Delta, United Airlines