

## Short-haul flights

# INDISPENSABLE FOR GERMANY'S AVIATION

In terms of passenger kilometers, domestic flights account for around 5 percent of German air traffic. Why is that still significant?

Firstly, business travelers often prefer air links. Secondly, these connections play an important role as feeder flights. Airlines bundle passengers at hubs in order to transport them from there to anywhere in the world.

If, for example, you wish to fly from Germany to Hong Kong and only have to change once, then you can choose between 17 airlines. Price and traveling comfort are essential decision criteria. This applies in particular – so long as you do not live in the catchment area of Frankfurt or Munich – to the first stretch to the hub. The Lufthansa Group thus depends on domestic hub connections to survive the tough competitive environment. To get the level of comfort just right, the Lufthansa Group relies on the railway and provides special express rail offers.



**Lufthansa is focusing on intermodality**  
The better the hubs are connected to long-distance rail transport, the more the feeder traffic will shift to the railways. Accordingly, Lufthansa is expanding its express rail services to Frankfurt and Munich. The benefits for Lufthansa Express Rail passengers include the following: The booked flight ticket is valid on the train journey to and from the airport; seats are reserved; Miles&More miles are credited, and, in the event of any unexpected delays of the train or plane, Lufthansa will automatically rebook the passenger(s) on the next available flight or train.



### HUBS IN COMPETITION

Starting at twelve possible departure airports, travelers can take off for Hong Kong via Munich or Istanbul with, for example, the Lufthansa Group or Turkish Airlines.

- 12 possible departure airports
- Feeder flight
- Transfer airport/hub
- Long-haul flight

### Markedly increasing efficiency

The airlines have kept the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of domestic German flights constant since 1990, even though air traffic has grown by 63 percent since then.



Source: UBA, Destatis

1990

2016



### CO<sub>2</sub> share of domestic German air traffic

Domestic air traffic accounts for 0.3 percent of total CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in Germany. The Lufthansa Group bears responsibility for keeping emissions as low as possible. Investing in a low-consumption fleet is the most important measure to achieve this.

Source: IEA

