

Safeguard EU's strategic autonomy

The EU must maintain a robust network of airlines and hub airports to avoid dependence on non-EU carriers and infrastructures, ensuring control over its air travel policies, connectivity, and security.

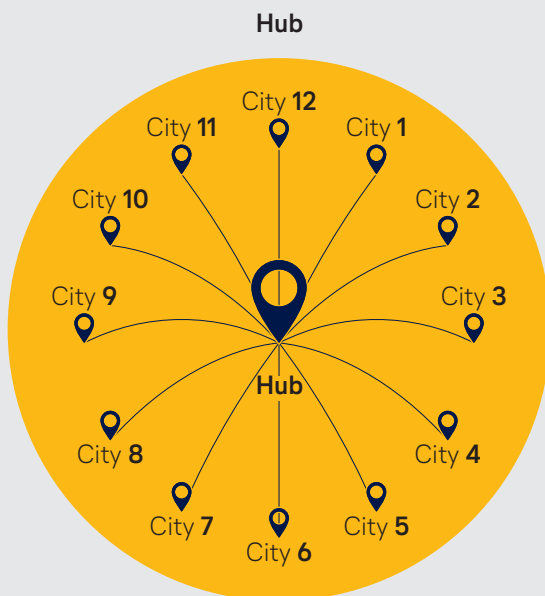
Network carriers provide efficient connectivity, extending the reach to remote areas in Europe and surpassing the capabilities of point-to-point services. These carriers play a crucial role in contributing to Europe's growth and prominence as a global leader in the tourism industry. Network airlines and hubs are vital for the EU's ability to respond effectively to geopolitical challenges, economic fluctuations, and unforeseen crises. A strong European aviation safeguards the EU's

strategic autonomy and resilience. To maintain the international competitiveness of European aviation and ensure a free and independent transport of people and goods, a consolidated European airline market is vital. Since only airlines of sufficient size can compete globally, it is more important than ever to strengthen European airlines. This will ensure and even increase the connectivity of Europeans.

Hubs guarantee efficient and more sustainable connectivity

Hub

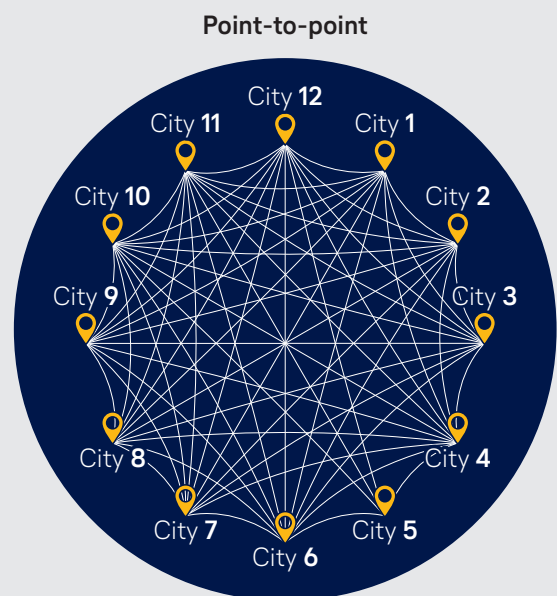
Connecting 12 destinations with single transfer via a hub requires 12 routes. Cities with lower demand benefit from the variety of hub connections.



12 routes

Point-to-point

Connecting 12 destinations directly requires 66 routes and correspondingly high local demand between the cities.



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