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AEA WELCOMES THREE NEW AIRLINE MEMBERS

The Association of European Airlines, representing Europe's most important network carriers, has expanded its membership to 36 from the beginning of January, with the addition of Aegean Airlines, Air Baltic and Montenegro Airlines.

Aegean Airlines is AEA's second member from Greece. It is a dynamic, strongly-growing airline serving an extensive domestic and European network with 33 aircraft. **Air Baltic**, as the national airline of Latvia, not only operates an extensive network from Riga, but also provides links from Vilnius in Lithuania to major European points. It has 31 aircraft. **Montenegro Airlines** is smaller, with seven aircraft, but is growing strongly with links from Europe's newest sovereign state to the EU's major hubs.

Said AEA Secretary General Ulrich Schulte-Strathaus: *"Within the challenging business environment that surrounds aviation at the present time, it is encouraging that three new member airlines have recognised AEA's role in promoting the interests of the airline sector. It is remarkable that AEA's three newest members represent different segments of the industry, and demonstrates the diversity and inclusivity of the organisation, working for the good of the airline community across a broad range of issues"*.

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Note to the Editor: The Association of European Airlines (AEA) brings together 36 European established scheduled network carriers. These collectively carry 374 million passengers and 7 million tonnes of cargo each year, operating 2,689 aircraft serving 662 destinations in 162 countries with 11,934 flights a day. They provide around 394,200 jobs directly, and generate a total turnover of €80 billion