

# 55 EUROPEAN AIRPORTS GOING GREEN



Fifty five most prominent European airports have joined the program aimed to significantly reduce the carbon emissions. This initiative is purely voluntary, yet it is attracting a lot of attention thanks to its success.

Flying is a fantastic way of travelling; it is comfortable and quick, relaxing for many. However, there is a downside to such luxury. Airplanes are known to generate huge amounts of carbon emissions and thus are also hardly sustainable.

**The Airport Carbon Accreditation program, launched in 2008, aims to establish a more sustainable work with airplanes and those, who have already joined in have presented first successes.**

In Europe, fifty five airports have decided to partake in the initiative and in the last two years alone, have introduced a great number of measures which have yielded positive results. For instance, when an aircraft is parked, it is using land power, meaning no carbon emissions are produced.

**Similarly, within the scope of the efforts of going green, airports are purchasing electric or hybrid vehicles, finding alternative sources of airport power, such as solar panels.**

There are 400 European airports and hopefully more will join in. Those that are part of the program recorded a reduction of 729,689 tons of greenhouse gases, which compares to removing 180,000 cars of the roads. That is a fantastic start.

Airports which are participating in the project feature London's Gatwick and Heathrow, Frankfurt, Munich, Zurich and Geneva, Paris, Milan or Amsterdam and Brussels. Hopefully, it will not take long before others follow in the efforts for greener travel.

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