



Minus 58 million passengers...in just one month, and in Europe alone! *1)

In 2019, ACI forecasted global passenger traffic at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of +3.7% until 2040. This rate was calculated at +4.1% in 2018, +4.5% in 2017 and +4.9% in 2016.

But this was not a change in trend: The growth rate adjustments are mainly attributable to higher than expected absolute growth in the base years 2017, 2018 & 2019 (reducing the CAGR by nature, but not changing the absolute passenger traffic calculated for the year 2040).

However, the current crisis is already expected to have a real and significant impact on passenger growth over time and absolute traffic by 2040. We will have to wait for the following milestones in order to estimate further growth of the aviation industry:

1. Stabilization of COVID-19 spread (short-term impact)
2. Economic stabilization by markets (mid-term impact)
3. Societal changes in mobility behavior (long-term impact)
4. Airline landscape by 2020 & 2021 (foundation)

Bottom line: The magnitude of the aviation industry's recovery and growth will not be solely correlating to GDP movements any longer (main driver of the last decades), but to how society and economy respond to dramatic events concerning health, global supply chains and environment going forward. And the Corona crisis becomes 'just' one more trigger of this development...but a significant one for sure.

Link: <https://www.aci-europe.org/airport-traffic-covid-19>

Link: https://aci.aero/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/WATF_2019-2040.pdf

*1) Traffic data ACI Europe: 24 Feb – 22 Mar 2020