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EU logistics centre for humanitarian aid at Leipzig/Halle Airport

A new logistics centre for disaster management is being built at Leipzig/Halle Airport as part of an EU programme. The site near the airport is being set up and supervised by the German Red Cross.

The EU and its members states are establishing a logistics centre to be able to cover the growing public health needs in crisis situations too. The logistics centres will not only procure, store and look after protective equipment, but also organise the logistical distribution services in emergencies.

Götz Ahmelmann, the CEO at Mitteldeutsche Flughafen AG, comments, "The decision to establish the EU logistics centre at our airport is logical. It's a reward for our efforts to provide the best possible conditions at the air freight hub in Leipzig/Halle. We're proud to make our contribution to humanitarian aid and feel encouraged to continue doing everything possible so that we can transport all kinds of cargo by air in a flexible manner."

Leipzig/Halle Airport, Europe's fifth-largest cargo airport, provides the ideal conditions for handling humanitarian aid shipments. The airport has a 24-hour operating permit for cargo flights and is directly connected to the trans-European motorway and railway networks.

With more than 1,000 cargo flights taking off and landing every week, the airport is proving to be a bedrock for reliable logistics and supply chains for the population and industry in the midst of the Covid-19 crisis.

Leipzig/Halle can handle all kinds of air freight and cargo planes. The airport also has CEIV Pharma certification and is therefore able to tranship temperature- and time-critical pharmaceutical shipments like vaccines round the clock.

Humanitarian aid flights have repeatedly taken off from the Central German airport in the past. Aid shipments for the German Red Cross have flown to Greece and Honduras via Leipzig/Halle during the last few months, for example, transporting urgently needed tents and water treatment equipment to areas suffering from floods, among other things.

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About Mitteldeutsche Flughafen AG

Mitteldeutsche Flughafen AG has three subsidiaries: Leipzig/Halle Airport, Dresden Airport and PortGround.

Leipzig/Halle Airport handled about 2.62 million passengers and approx. 1.24 million tonnes of air freight during 2019. This makes it Germany's second-largest cargo airport. The airport is connected to the A9 and A14 motorways and has a railway station that forms an integral part of the central terminal. This ensures that passengers from Central Germany and beyond can reach the airport directly.

Dresden Airport handled about 1.6 million passengers in 2019. A link to the A4 motorway and a local railway station in the terminal ensure that passengers from the catchment areas in Saxony, the south of Brandenburg, the north of the Czech Republic and western Poland can reach the airport and leave it again in comfort.

PortGround offers ground, freight and other extensive handling services at Leipzig/Halle and Dresden Airports round the clock.

The two airports belonging to Mitteldeutsche Flughafen AG registered 107,563 aircraft movements and handled about 4.22 million passengers in 2019.