AIRBALTIC RECEIVES NINTH CS300 AIRCRAFT

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The Latvian airline *airBaltic* welcomed the ninth *Bombardier CS300*jet, registered as YL-CSI, in Riga on June 17. By the end of 2018, *airBaltic*plans to have a total of 14 CS300 aircraft on its fleet.

Thus far,*airBaltic* has carried over 1 160 000 passengers on the brand new *Bombardier CS300*aircraft with every fourth *airBaltic*passenger flying on the aircraft. *CS300*have completed more than 11 319 flights and flown over 29 977 block hours.

On May 28, 2018, *airBaltic*announced a firm purchase agreement for the sale and purchase of 30 *Bombardier CS300*aircraft with options for an additional 30 aircraft of the same type. The order complements the existing order of 20 CS300 aircraft and forms the backbone of the new*airBaltic's*business plan *Destination 2025*that builds on the successful progress of the current airline's business plan Horizon 2021, which has laid the groundwork for future expansion.

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The *Bombardier CS300*as a 150-seater aircraftoffers excellent flying experience with such benefits for passengers as wider seats, larger windows, more hand luggage space in the cabin, improved lavatories and more. New aircraft is also much quieter – with four times smaller noise footprint. Moreover, at the moment, it is the greenest commercial aircraft in the world, as it is the first aircraft to have a transparent declaration of the life-cycle environmental impact, helping to reduce CO2and NOX emissions by 20% and 50% respectively.

*airBaltic*serves over 70 destinations from Riga, Tallinn and Vilnius, offering the largest variety of destinations and convenient connections via Riga to its network spanning Europe, Scandinavia, the CIS and the Middle East. For summer 2018, *airBaltic*has introduced eight new destinations from Riga to Malaga, Lisbon, Split, Bordeaux, Gdansk, Almaty as well as Sochi and Kaliningrad. In addition, *airBaltic*launched a new direct route connecting Tallinn and London.

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