

Airport boss: Munich are missing slots for Ryanair base

MUNICH - The Frankfurt Airport opens its gates for low-cost airlines. The airport Munich is already pushing new boundaries without new airlines. In the absence of slots, Eurowings will remain the last significant restart in Munich, said airport chief Michael Kerkloh of the news agency "Reuters".

At the end of March, Eurowings, Lufthansa's low-priced airline, set sail with four Airbus A320 and 32 destinations in Munich. Ryanair, however, will only see Munich out of the air. "We do not have the slots for Ryanair, so a base is impossible," said Kerkloh.

Also the surprise withdrawal of the Air France-KLM-Cheapairline Transavia, which breaks its tents in Munich after only one year, explains the airport with missing start and land windows. Although Transavia was "on a really good way", only 80 per cent of the requested slots were received, said the airport chief.

Kerkloh is therefore promoting the construction of a third runway. Without their capacity, Munich will lose growth.

Despite several strikes, the number of passengers at the airport last year rose by three percent to the new peak of 42.3 million. The number of take-offs and landings increased by four per cent. In 2017, Munich is targeting a further plus of four per cent.

As early as the spring, state governments, the federal government and the state capital as an airport owner want to decide whether to push the construction of a third runway and to hold a new citizenship decision. The project has been on the ice since the disapproving Munich citizenship of 2012.