

Airport Manager: Munich is missing slots for a Ryanair base

MUNICH – The Frankfurt Airport opens its gates for cheaper airlines. The Munich Airport however is already approaching its limits without new airlines. Eurowings will for the foreseeable future stay the most noteworthy newcomer in Munich as told the news agency “Reuters” was told by the airport’s manager Micheal Kerkloh.

Eurowings, the affordable brand of Lufthansa, comes to Munich with four Airbus A320 and 32 destinations, while Ryanair will continue to only see Munich from above. “We do not have slots for Ryanair and therefore a base is not possible here”, said Kerkloh.

The surprising retreat of the Air France KLM airline Transavia after only a year is explained with too few take-off and landing slots as well. The airport manager said that Transavia was on the right path but only received about 80% of the slots they bid on.

Kerkloh therefore campaigns for the construction of a third runway. Without it Munich will lose out on growth.

The number of passengers of the airport grew by 3% in the past year to its new record of 42,3 million, despite several strikes. The number of take-offs and landings increased by four percent and Munich is aiming for an additional four percent in 2017.

The state government, federal government and state capital as airport owner will decide whether to campaign and conduct a new referendum for a third runway in Spring. The project had already been halted with the negative referendum result of 2012.