

## **Head of airport: Munich slots are missing for Ryanair base**

MUNICH - The Frankfurt Airport opens its gates for low-cost airlines. The airport of 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".

Eurowings, Lufthansa's cheap brand settles at the end March with four Airbus A320 aircraft and 32 destinations in Munich. Ryanair, however, will see Munich only from the air. "We don't have the slots for Ryanair, therefore, a base is impossible," Kerkloh said.

Also the surprising withdrawal of Air France-KLM cheap airline Transavia, which breaks their tents in Munich after just one year, declared the airport with missing start and country Windows. Transavia was indeed "on right track", have received only 80 percent of the requested slots, said the airport chief.

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

Despite several strikes, the number of passengers at the airport rose last year by three percent to the new record of 42.3 million. The number of takeoffs and landings rose by four percent, 2017 Munich eyeing another increase of four percent.

In the spring, State Government, Federal Government and the city as the airport owner wants to decide whether they should promote the construction of a third runway and to hold a new referendum. The project has been on the ice since the disapproving Munich referendum of 2012.