

Airport boss: Munich are missing slots for Ryanair base

MUNICH - The Frankfurt Airport opens its gates for low-cost airlines. The Munich airport is already pushing new boundaries without new airlines. Eurowings will be the last major newcomer in Munich, "said Michael Kerkloh, CEO of the airport," Reuters.

"Eurowings, the low-priced airline of Lufthansa, will be located in Munich at the end of March 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 low-cost airline Transavia, which breaks their tents in Munich after only one year, 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 rose last year 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 an increased growth of four per cent. In the spring, the state government, the federal government and the state capital will decide as owners of the airport whether they are pushing for the construction of a third runway and make a decision on it. The project has been on the ice since the disapproving Munich citizenship of 2012.