

Role of Aviation Sector in Latvia
Development of Riga International Airport

#### **Riga International Airport**

- Built in 1974
- 100% owned by the Republic of Latvia
- Operated by SJSC RIGA International Airport
- Occupies an area of 650 ha
- 1100 employees
- 23 airlines fly to 79 destinations
- ISO 9001:2008 and ISO 14001:2004 (since 25.09.2015.)
- Annual turnover 49 million EUR (2015)
- Aviation income 56%, non-aviation income 44%
- RWY Length 3200m, Width– 45m
- Open 24/7
- CAT II (since 5.03.2015.) allows aircraft operations in low visibility
- Fire fighting CAT 8 (24h), CAT 9 (for E class cargo a/c)
- Infrastructure suitable for handling of all aircraft types except A380





## **Aviation industry in Latvia**

Latvian aviation industry grew significantly during past 10 years both in passenger traffic and cargo and Latvia developed strong aviation sector relative to its size

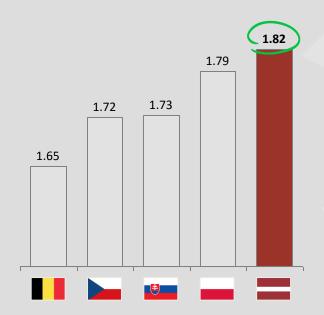
- Latvian aviation sector contributing ~3% of GDP and ~40K jobs
- Latvia has developed a strong aviation sector relative to its size with 2.4 pax / inhabitant.
- Riga International Airport serves as regional transfer hub.
- airBaltic has strong position in Riga but both low cost and full service carriers increased their shares during last years. Low cost airlines share is about 30% and full service carriers share is 20%.
- Due to periphery location of Latvia, developed aviation infrastructure is precondition for economic growth.



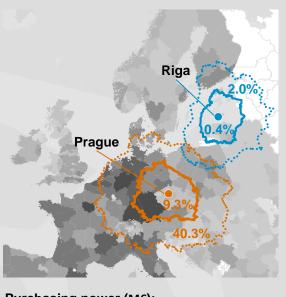
#### Periphery effect for Latvia: Air connectivity many times more useful than for WE/CEE

Direct GDP return for Latvian aviation higher than in other countries...

Direct-indirect multipliers (2011)



...driven by the fact that only 2% of EU wealth reachable by car in 8hrs from Riga (~40% for the Central Europe)



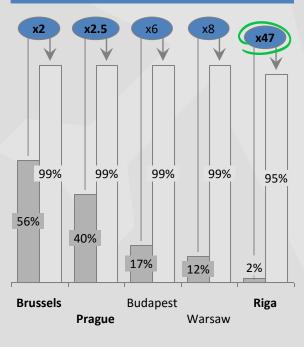
Purchasing power (M€):
Darker areas represent higher absolute wealth

**Driving time:** 4 hours 8 hours

% of European purchasing power reachable after 4 or 8 hours by car

... thus making air travel reach effect ~20-25 times bigger for Riga than for western/central Europe

Riga's air travel effect is ~20-25 times bigger than Brussels' or Prague's

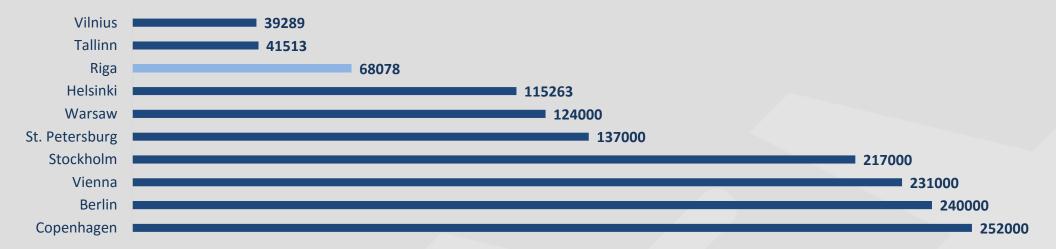


% of EU wealth by car in 8 hours

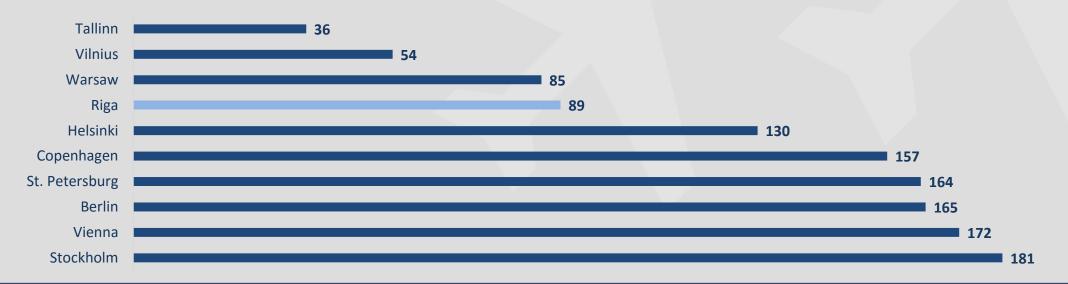
% of EU wealth by plane in 4 hours



#### Riga International Airport compared to its closest European hubs by aircraft movements (2015)



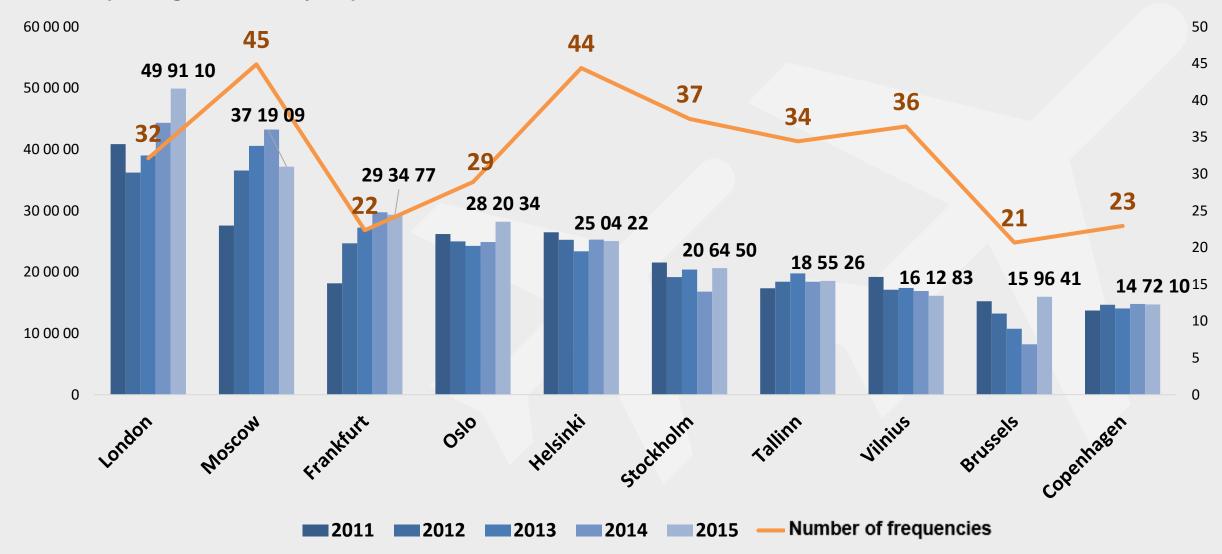
#### Riga International Airport compared to its closest European hubs by destination numbers (2015)





#### **TOP10** destinations during last 5 years

Serviced passengers and weekly frequencies in Year 2015



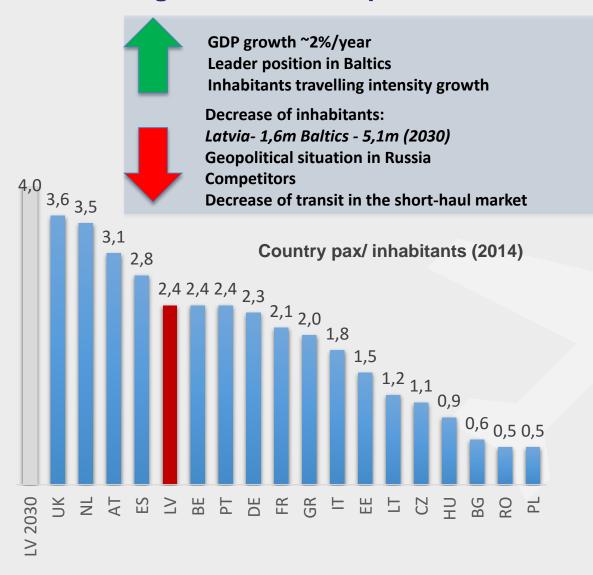


#### Three main strategic directions for Latvian aviation sector discussed during Q1, 2015

Maintain/improve 1 2 connectivity to support Baseline: **Grow leisure** No action (current trend) traffic volume high-value traffic Loss of airBaltic and transfer **Development of the leisure Development of the** passengers leading to loss of traffic (inbound and outbound) connectivity in Riga to enable **Economic** half of the economic impact of leading to an increase of the the trade and the investments in impact local spending in the touristic aviation addition of the leisure traffic sector Reduction of the number of Development of daily services to Reduction of the number of destinations and frequencies in the main European capitals Connectivity destinations and frequencies in the next few years Improvement of the frequencies Development of the capacities the next few years and the quality of schedule on touristic destinations Promote Latvia as a touristic Promote Latvia as a **business** State No specific action destination destination Key prerequisites Improve tourism infrastructure Support airBaltic in transition No specific action short-term, Create favorable conditions to Create conditions to **support** forced to create favorable **Airport** attract LCCs (tariff structure, regional hub conditions for LCCs mid-term airport infrastructure, marketing) Transition into a very efficient Increase short-term yields and Increase short-term yields and airBaltic carrier gradually phase down gradually phase down Find a strategic partner

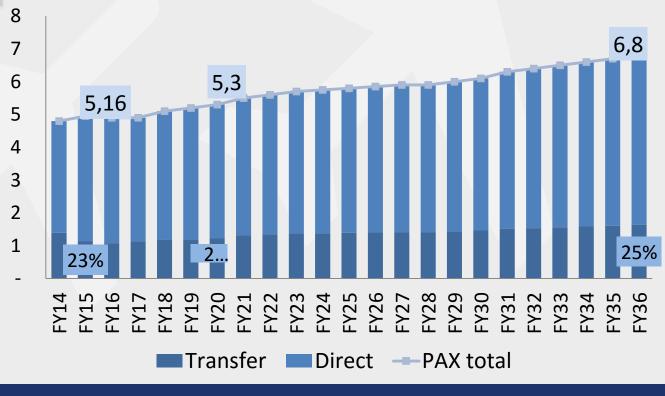


#### Passenger traffic development: 6,8M in 2036



2036: Sustainable growth of the traffic and increase of inbound passengers

# PAX (M)







**INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT** 

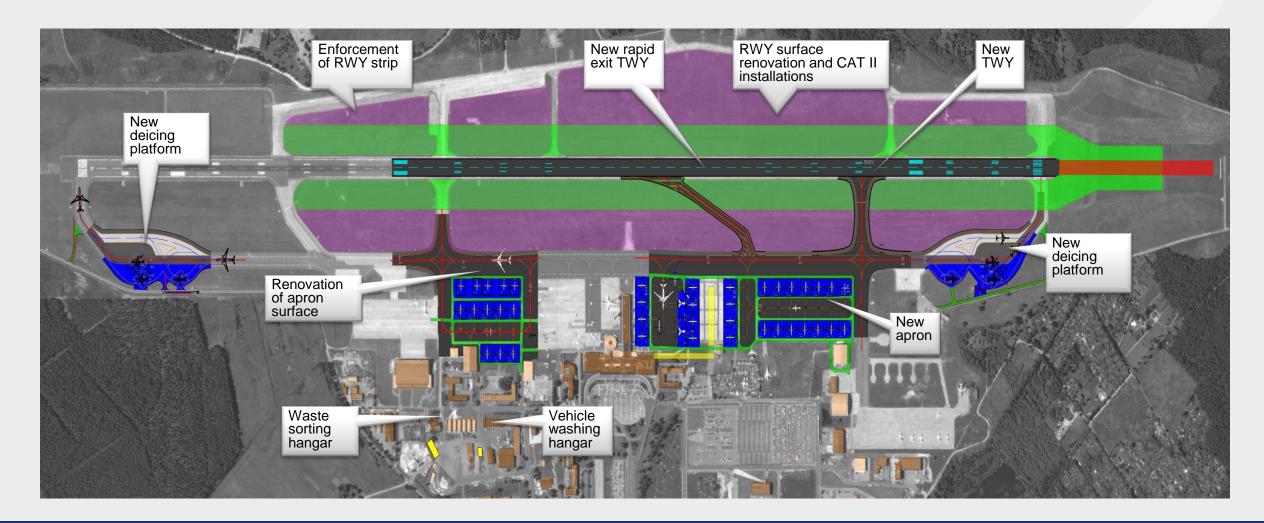


#### **Riga International Airport infrastructure**

- The airport airfield infrastructure (runway, new taxiways, aprons) upgrade project was compleated last year
- Riga International Airport terminal capacity is limited currently, but ongoing investments will resolve the issue.



# Riga International Airport infrastructure development project 2013 – 2015 Project value EUR 93 million





#### **Terminal expansion 2015 - 2016**

I part – additional 3 departure gates, new commercial premises and extended non-Schengen arrival hall by September of 2015.
 Investments EUR 15,7 million.

 II part – 19 Schengen/ non – Schengen departure sectors, 7 walking stands and 3 new passenger boarding bridges, new commercial premises by Autumn of 2016. Investments EUR 9,1 million

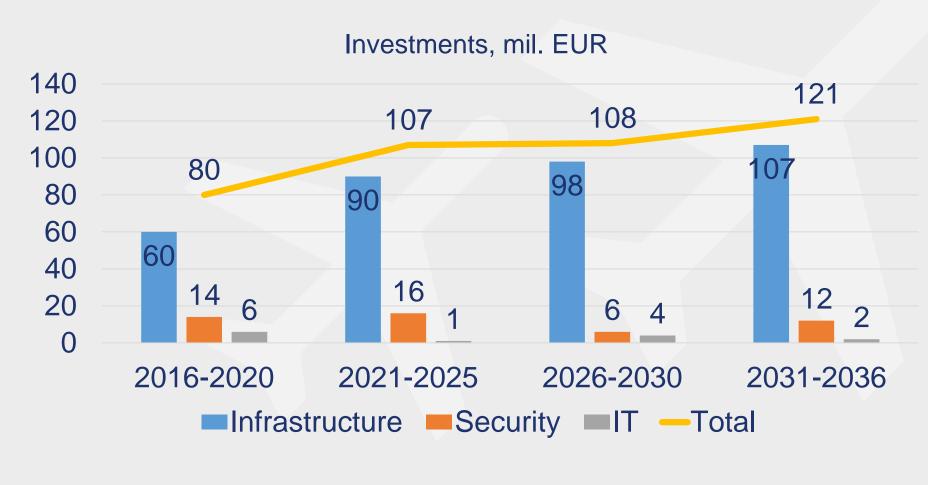






# Riga International Airport Investment plan for 2016 - 2036 Total value EUR 416 million.







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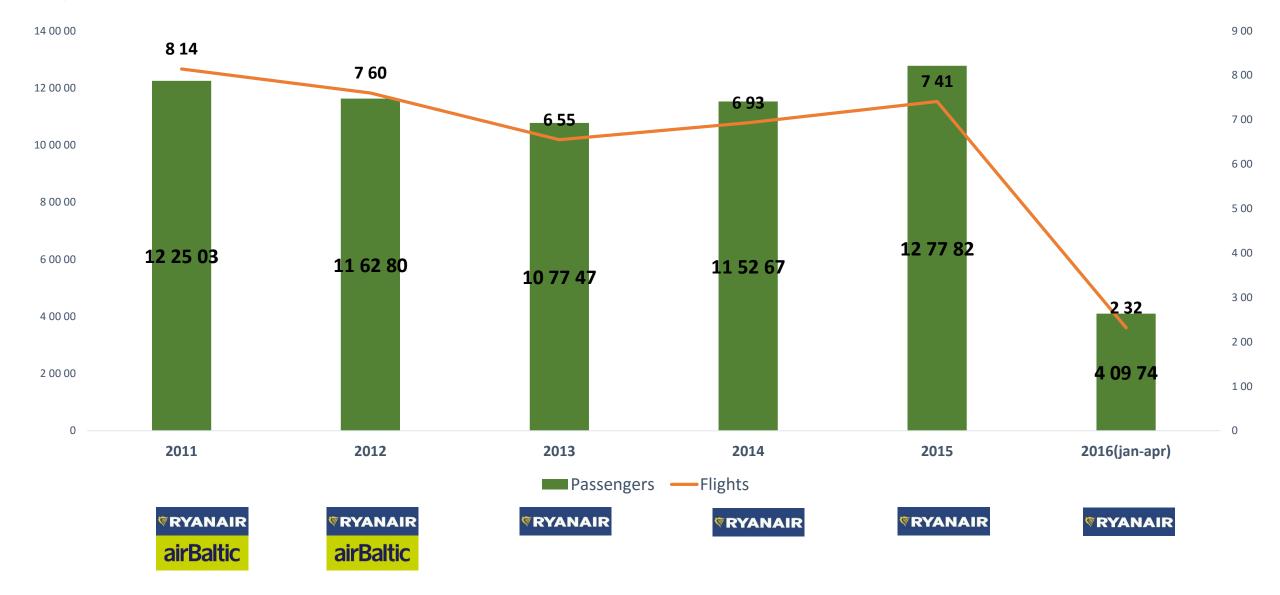
Andris Liepiņš Chairman of the Board





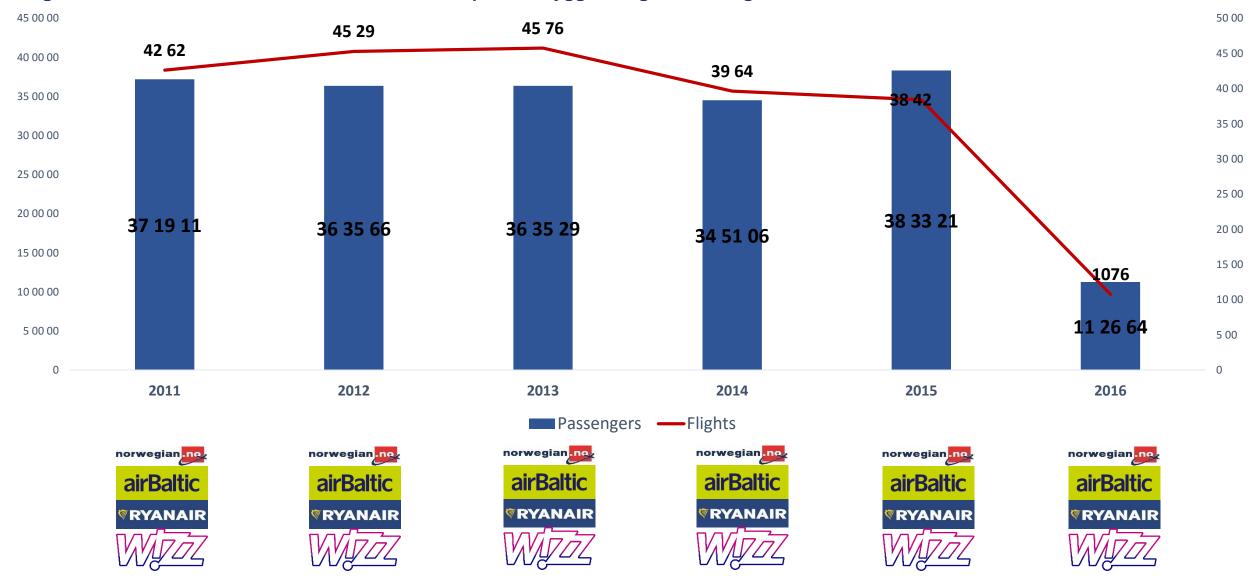
### **Ireland traffic development 2011-2015**

Regular traffic, Dublin route



#### Norway traffic development 2011-2015

Regular traffic, Routes: Oslo/Gardermoen, Oslo/Torp, Oslo/Rygge, Bergen, Stavanger and Alesund



#### **Most Popular Destinations - Countries**

**Arriving and Departing Passengers – January – December 2015/2014** 

