

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The European Business Aviation Industry

European business aviation employs 371,000 citizens, either directly or indirectly, contributing to a total of €146 billion (\$165 billion) to the European Union economy, according to a new study about the benefits the industry brings to Europe.

The study, conducted by Booz Allen Hamilton in collaboration with Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt (DLR), was commissioned by the European Business Aviation Association (EBAA).

The study also confirmed that business aviation has a significant induced effect on the EU economy, said Arthur Thomas, EBAA's liaison with Booz Allen Hamilton.

"Along with the direct and indirect economic benefits, the induced effect of business aviation covers the economic impact industry employees have on places where they live," Thomas added. "Business aviation in the EU is about bringing activity and life to the remote regions of Europe."

The study examined more than 800,000 business aviation flights during 2014. Approximately 27 percent of those flights were between points that have no non-stop commercial service between them, and approximately 31 percent of the points were not connected at all by airlines. The study found that the average time-saving per leg between European destinations was 127 minutes. In approximately 21 percent of cases, the time savings topped five hours.

What is business aviation?

Business Aviation is an air transport option tailored to the specific needs of entrepreneurs and companies of all sizes. It provides efficient, productive, safe and secure business travel to accommodate schedules and reach destinations in ways that cannot be accomplished through other transportation modes.

The vast majority of business aircraft are owned by governments and companies that make their aircraft available for transporting government officials, business leaders, and sales and marketing teams, or to provide business transport to an organization's engineers, project managers, sales teams and other essential employees.