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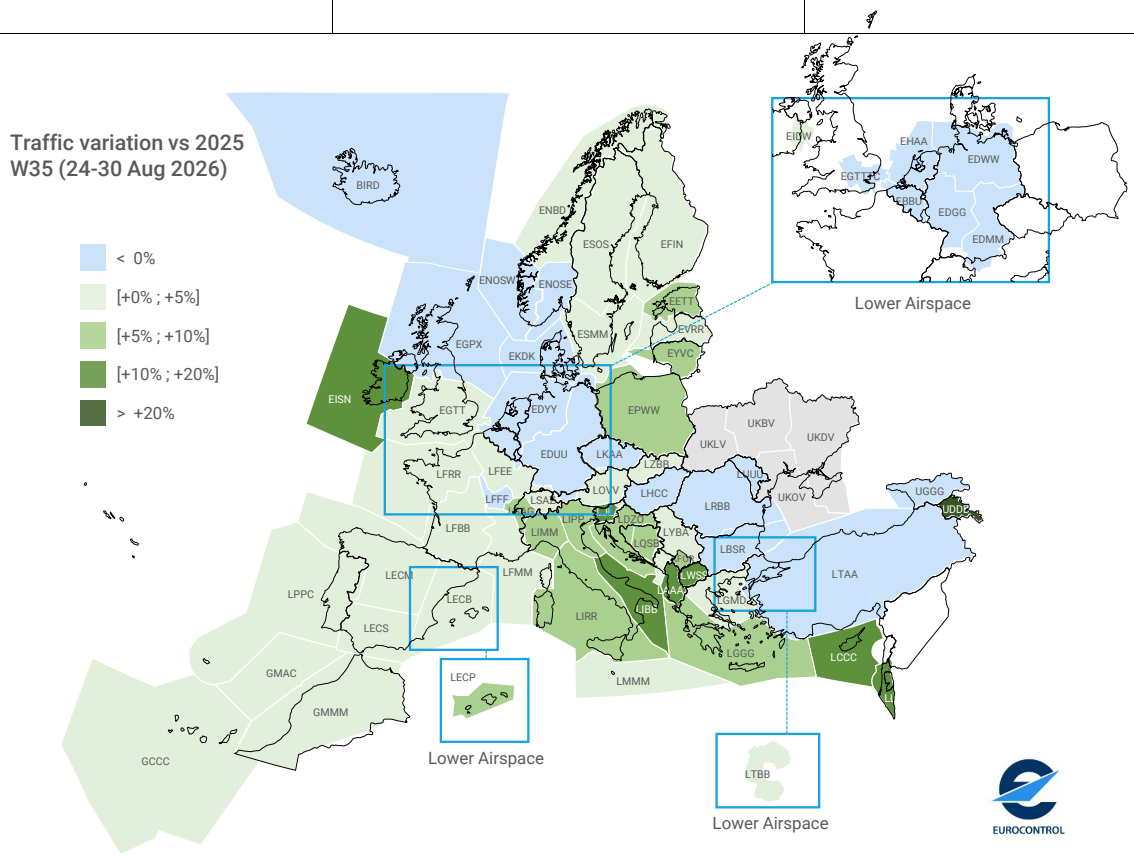
THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Traffic	ATFM delays	Arrival punctuality
36,581 daily flights	**4.25** min/flight	**69%**
+0.6% vs the previous week	**3.45** en-route	
+2.3% vs 2025	**0.80** airport	



SUMMER TO DATE (1 JUNE - 30 AUGUST 2026)

Traffic	ATFM delays	Arrival punctuality
+2.4% vs 2025	**-17%** vs 2025	**+1.1 pp** vs 2025

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SUMMARY OF THE WEEK

Category	Key figures	Situation Overview
Traffic	36,581 daily flights +2.3% vs 2025	• Traffic distribution continues to be influenced by the Middle East crisis, with lower traffic in Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania and Türkiye, but a high increase in traffic in Albania, Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia and Slovenia – and continuous growth in south-west Europe. • ATFM delay constraints were experienced at Barcelona and Marseille ACCs due to capacity/staffing issues, and Karlsruhe UAC and Brest ACC owing to some severe weather impacts. • The application of capacity and weather-based operations (CWBO) procedures and related scenarios continues in response to strong weather phenomena. Approximately 3 million minutes of en-route ATFM delays have now been saved to date through the application of these updated procedures. **Network hot spots** • France (33% of all en-route delays in the network year to date (YTD), of which 11% attributed to Marseille, 8% to Reims and 6% to Brest area control centres (ACCs)): affected by ongoing capacity, staffing and 4-FLIGHT transition issues. This has been compounded by increasing weather delays; despite this, average en-route delays are 28% lower for 2026 YTD compared to 2025 YTD. • Spain (17% of all en-route delays in the network YTD, of which 11% attributed to Barcelona ACC): affected mostly by capacity, staffing issues and high traffic growth; average en-route delays are 13% higher for 2026 YTD compared to 2025 YTD. • Greece (11% of all en-route delays in the network YTD, of which 7% attributed to Athens ACC): affected mostly by capacity and staffing issues, with additional complexity due to traffic demand related to the Middle East crisis; average en-route delays are 57% higher for 2026 YTD compared to 2025 YTD.
ATFM delays	4.25 minutes per flight Up 23% on the previous week. • 1% higher than 2025. A total of 59,959 flights were delayed by air traffic flow management (ATFM) restrictions, an average of 8,566 flights a day and 23% of all flights. • En-route ATFM delays were 3.45 minutes per flight. • Airport ATFM delays were 0.80 minutes per flight.	
Arrival punctuality	Down 2.6 percentage points vs Week 34 to 69%, worse than last year by 2.7 percentage points.	
Departure punctuality	Down 2.0 percentage points vs Week 34 to 64%, worse than last year by 0.4 percentage points.	

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Network Operations Plan (NOP) delivery

- With 1.4% YTD traffic growth, average en-route ATFM delay for 2026 YTD is 16% better than 2025 YTD, with good delivery by the vast majority of air navigation service providers (ANSPs), and with the perspective of being 20% better by the end of the year compared to all of 2025.
- The main issues related to delivery against the NOP for Week 35 concerned Marseille and Barcelona ACCs.
- Despite some persistent hotspots, overall improvements are being seen to delays compared to 2025 in Austria, Croatia, France, Germany and Hungary when compared to the NOP.
- Barcelona, Bordeaux and Marseille ACCs will need to revise their plans to align with the NOP for the upcoming weeks.
- NOP delivery continues to remain critical: significant traffic growth is expected up to the end of September, with traffic peaks staying between 37,000 and 37,500 flights on Fridays.
- Strong growth across the south-eastern part of the network saw 6 out of the 7 new network traffic records set by actors on that axis. Three came from Türkiye (records set at State, main airport and by Pegasus Airlines), and the others by Romanian ANSP ROMATSA and Bucharest Henri Coandă Airport, and by Armenian ANSP ARMATS. The final record was set by Jet2.
- **Weather**
  - Week 35 was severely impacted by bad weather phenomena despite the application of CWBO procedures and related scenarios which saved around 200K delay minutes over the week. In the week, Friday 28 August 2026 alone saw over 310K delay minutes (en-route 270K, airport 40K), and with en-route weather delays comprising 207K of those minutes.
  - The total network en-route ATFM delay saving thanks to the application of CWBO since the beginning of May 2026 to manage strong weather phenomena across the network now stands at approximately 3.0 million minutes, with the updated procedures applied now in total to approximately 9,800 flights.
- **Industrial action/Other**
  - No major issues were recorded in Week 35 (24-30 August 2026).

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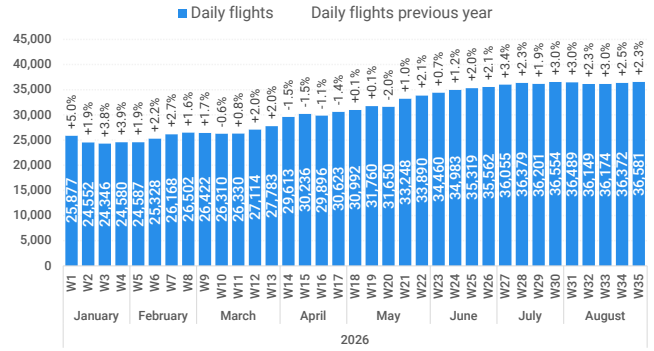
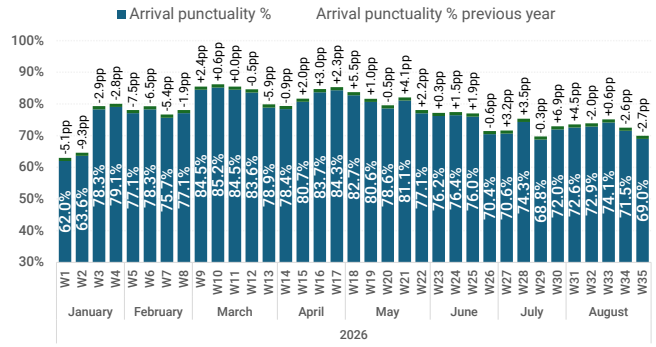
ROLLING OVERVIEW

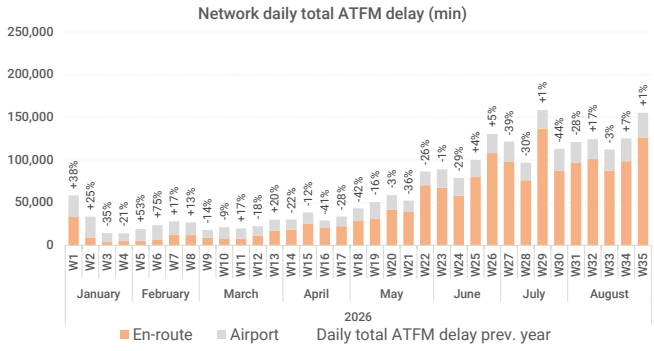
Traffic



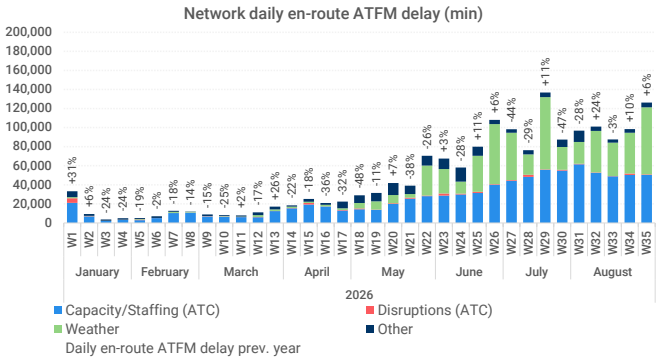
Punctuality (On Time Performance 15')



Total ATFM delay



En-route ATFM delay



AIRCRAFT OPERATORS: **Arrival punctuality** and the three most penalising ATFM locations for the 20 busiest aircraft operators*.

Rotation: All **Period: W35 (24 to 30 Aug 2026)**

Aircraft operator	Arrival punct (OTP15)	ATFM delay / flight (min)	Most penalising location (ATFM)	2nd most penalising location (ATFM)	3rd most penalising location (ATFM)
SAS Group	89%	1.56	Copenhagen Airport - 18%	Karlsruhe UAC - 9%	Athens ACC - 8%
Norwegian Group	83%	2.59	Karlsruhe UAC - 11%	Brest ACC - 9%	Barcelona ACC - 8%
Austrian Airlines	82%	2.97	Belgrade ACC - 12%	Karlsruhe UAC - 8%	Vienna Airport - 8%
Iberia Group	80%	4.20	Barcelona ACC - 21%	Marseille ACC - 16%	Brest ACC - 15%
Turkish Airlines Group	77%	1.31	Karlsruhe UAC - 17%	Belgrade ACC - 15%	Makedonia ACC - 13%
Lufthansa Airlines	77%	3.29	Karlsruhe UAC - 16%	Munich ACC - 13%	Marseille ACC - 10%
Vueling	76%	5.09	Barcelona ACC - 19%	Barcelona Airport - 17%	Marseille ACC - 14%
KLM Group	72%	4.27	Amsterdam Airport - 19%	Brest ACC - 14%	Karlsruhe UAC - 13%
Air France Group	71%	5.43	Paris ACC - 21%	Marseille ACC - 13%	Bordeaux ACC - 7%
Pegasus	70%	1.73	Karlsruhe UAC - 22%	Belgrade ACC - 18%	Makedonia ACC - 9%
Wizz Air Group	68%	4.82	Marseille ACC - 15%	Karlsruhe UAC - 12%	Belgrade ACC - 11%
British Airways Group	67%	7.97	Heathrow Airport - 18%	Reims ACC - 12%	Brest ACC - 11%
Ryanair Group	66%	5.79	Marseille ACC - 14%	Brest ACC - 13%	Barcelona ACC - 12%
AEGEAN Group	64%	4.34	Athens Airport - 26%	Makedonia ACC - 16%	Athens ACC - 11%
SWISS Group	64%	6.00	Zurich Airport - 19%	Reims ACC - 14%	Zurich ACC - 12%
ITA Airways	61%	2.35	Marseille ACC - 18%	Barcelona ACC - 14%	Rome ACC - 6%
TUI Group	61%	8.18	Reims ACC - 13%	Brest ACC - 12%	Karlsruhe UAC - 9%
TAP Group	58%	7.19	Brest ACC - 20%	Lisbon Airport - 15%	Marseille ACC - 12%
Eurowings Group	56%	7.54	Karlsruhe UAC - 18%	Marseille ACC - 13%	Barcelona ACC - 7%
easyJet Group	55%	8.50	Marseille ACC - 16%	Brest ACC - 11%	Reims ACC - 10%

** Aircraft operator groups in the table above are defined @ https://www.eurocontrol.int/directory/airline-groups-lookup*

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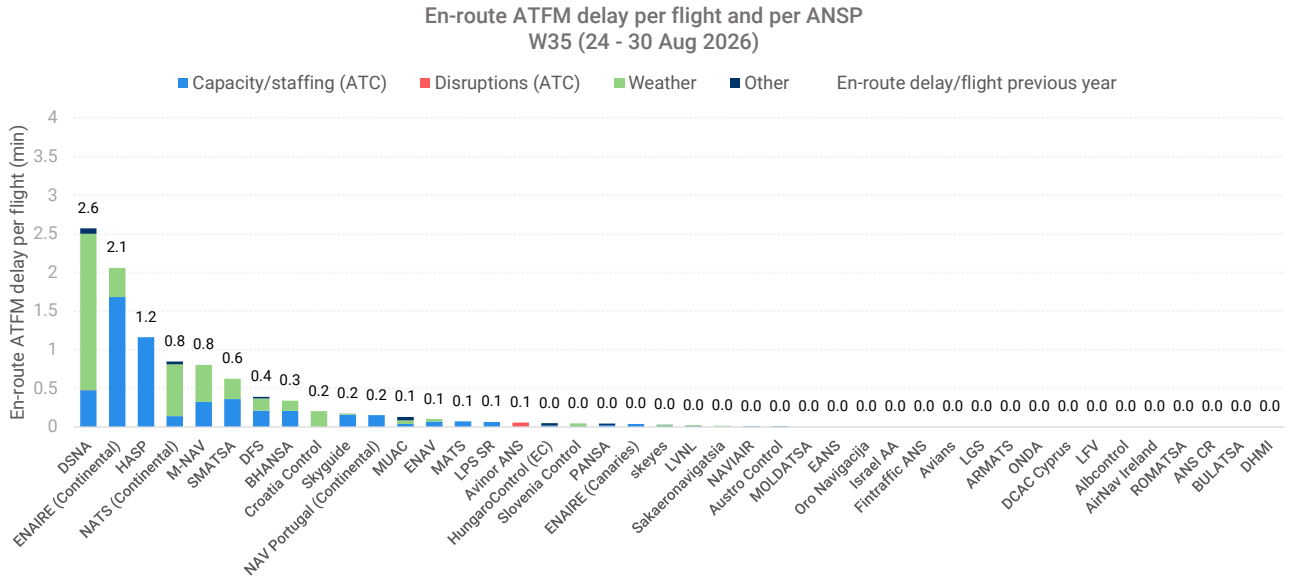
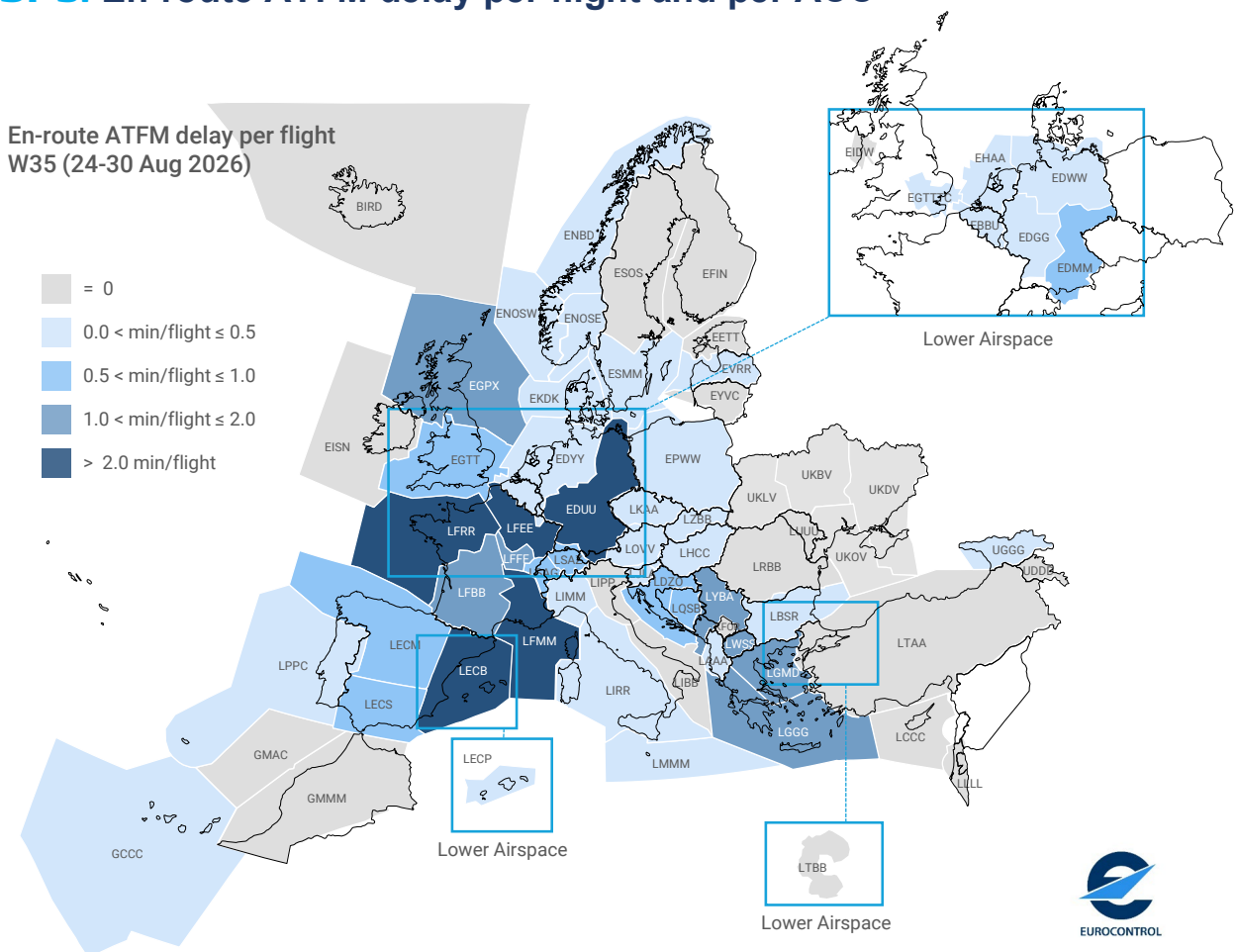
AIR NAVIGATION SERVICE PROVIDERS (ANSPs):

En-route ATFM delay per flight and per ANSP



ANSPs: En-route ATFM delay per flight and per ACC



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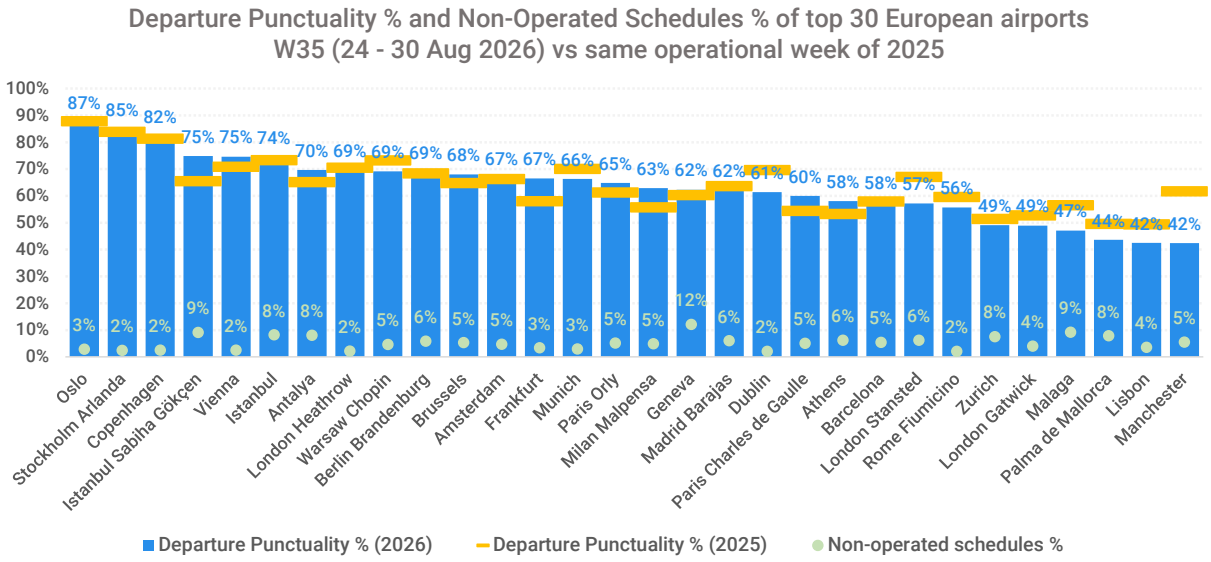
AIRPORTS:

Departure punctuality for the top 30 busiest airports in the network.



** Non-operated schedules defined @ https://ansperformance.eu/definition/opschedules/*

ADHERENCE TO THE NETWORK OPERATIONS PLAN (NOP)

The table below represents the EUROCONTROL Network Manager's assessment of the planned sector openings per ACC compared to the commitments in the NOP. It covers the expected situation over the 8 coming weeks.

ACCs that according to current plans will deliver sector openings agreed in the NOP 2026/27-2030:		**ACCs that according to current plans will not deliver sector openings agreed in the NOP 2026/27-2030:**
- Wien - BH - Zagreb - Nicosia - Maastricht - Bordeaux (except 28 September-1 October and 7-8 October due to 4-Flight Training) - Brest - Marseille (except 4-6, 9, 12 and 13 September) - Reims	- Karlsruhe - Athinai - Makedonia - Skopje - Beograd - Ljubljana - Barcelona East - Barcelona West (except 6-8 and 11 October) - Madrid - Sevilla - London - Prestwick	- Barcelona West: 6-8 and 11 October - Bordeaux (28 September-1 October and 7-8 October due to 4-Flight Training) - Marseille (4-6, 9, 12 and 13 September)

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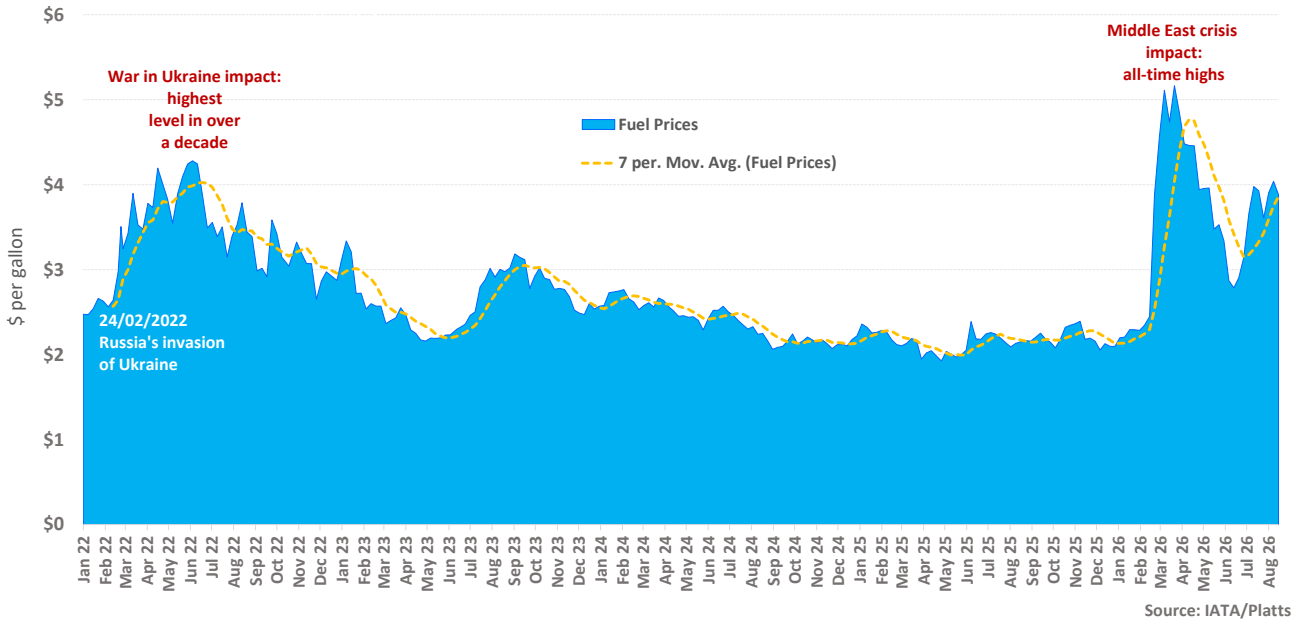
IMPACT OF THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS



Source: IATA/Platts

Fuel price	**28 August 2026**	**$3.88** /gallon **-3.9%** **over one week**