COVID-19 Impact on EUROCONTROL Member States
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Netherlands

- **COVID Crisis/Economy:** The Netherlands ranks 26th worldwide in terms of COVID deaths and 11th in Europe. The impact of the crisis on the economy is expected to drive the GDP down -4.8% in 2020 (better than the Eurozone average of -7.5%). Job losses amounted to 83,000 up to October.

- **Traffic:** Traffic started a steep decline the 15 March reaching its nadir at -90% compared to 2019 on 14 April. From there a slow recovery started with two accelerations early July and August, after which traffic stabilized at around -44% until early September. Since then traffic has gradually declined, despite a small recovery end October. In terms of traffic loss, the Netherlands is 7th in Europe with -297k flights and -48M passengers lost.

- **Airports:** Amsterdam Schiphol is by far the top airport in the Netherlands with 473 average movements per day over the last week (-63% vs 2019), three times more than the rest of Dutch airports combined.

- **Aircraft Operators:** KLM has stayed more active than other major airlines, traditional or low-cost, and maintains its top position in the Netherlands (-57% vs 2019 last week) ahead of Transavia (-80%) and Delta Airlines (-51%). easyJet, second airline last year, is now 8th (-93%). Qatar Airways has doubled operations (+100%) mostly due to its cargo flights.

- **Market segments:** All cargo slightly increased. Non-scheduled managed to stay between -40% and -20% throughout. Low-cost recovered faster than traditional but declined as of September while traditional held steady. Business aviation almost reached 2019 levels in August but it declined in September and October.

- **Traffic flows:** Domestic flows climb from 8th in 2019 to 4th (-18% vs 2019). The top three flows are with the UK, the US and Germany. Top non-European flows are with North Atlantic, Asia Pacific and Middle-East.
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