airBaltic Carries 500 000 Passengers on Bombardier CS300



Riga. The Latvian airline *airBaltic* has carried over 500 000 passengers on the brand new *CS300* aircraft and now every fourth passenger of *airBaltic* is flying *CS300*. In total *airBaltic* has flown to 40 destinations in the Baltics, Europe, Scandinavia, CIS and the Middle East with the *Bombardier CS300* aircraft.

Martin Sedlacky, Chief Operations Officer of *airBaltic*: "*CS300* is the most advanced jet aircraft in its class and is showing good operational results. Like all new aircraft, the implementation requires additional attention in terms of linking parts and systems of different manufacturers but our team together with *Bombardier* and other partners are doing excellent work so that our passengers could have the best flying experience."

airBaltic currently has seven *CS300* aircraft operated on many popular routes. Thus far, *airBaltic* has completed more than 12 167 scheduled flights and flown over 4 560 block hours with the *Bombardier CS300* aircraft.

By the end of 2019 *airBaltic* plans to have 20 *Bombardier CS300* aircraft in its fleet. By 2021, as an all-*Bombardier* operator, *airBaltic* will have one of the youngest jet fleets in Europe. With the next order, already being negotiated, eventually, *airBaltic* will increase the number of

Bombardier C Series aircraft on its fleet to at least 34.

The new *Bombardier CS300* aircraft, with a total of 145 seats, offers excellent flying experience with such benefits for passengers as wider seats, larger windows, more hand luggage space in the cabin, improved lavatories and more. New aircraft is also much quieter – with four times smaller noise footprint. Moreover, at the moment, it is the greenest commercial aircraft in the world, as it is the first aircraft to have a transparent declaration of the life-cycle environmental impact, helping to reduce CO_2 and NO_X emissions by 20% and 50% respectively.

airBaltic operates direct flights from Riga to over 60 destinations. *airBaltic* offers convenient connections via Riga to its network spanning Europe, Scandinavia, the CIS and the Middle East. In addition, *airBaltic* also offers direct flights from Tallinn and Vilnius.