

Negative net result for 2018. Skyguide recognized as a European innovation leader.

Geneva, 20 March 2019: In the 2018 financial year, skyguide, the Swiss air navigation service provider, generated higher operating revenues than in the previous year. However, the net result is negative. Operating performance in Europe's most complex airspace remains at a very satisfactory level. Despite the higher volume of traffic, punctuality declined only slightly: 96.5% of flights were handled punctually by air navigation services, compared with 97% in the previous year. Route delays increased from 10.1 seconds (average per flight) in 2017 to 17.1 seconds last year.

Skyguide's revenue rose by 2.45% to CHF 481.8 million (previous year: CHF 470.3 million). At CHF 449.7 million, operating expenses were down 6.9% on the previous year (CHF 480.8 million). Operating costs rose by CHF 21.9 million after adjustment for the special effects of 2017.

The net result amounted to -CHF 8.18 million (previous year: -CHF 35.55 million).

Sustained increase in traffic, increased revenue

Skyguide recorded a further increase in traffic of 5.0% in 2018, compared with the forecast of 2.2%. Continuing demand led to an annual traffic volume of almost 1.3 million controlled flights.

Last year, skyguide increased its en-route charges by 0.1%. Approach charges at Geneva and Zurich airports were reduced by 0.9% in favor of customers.

Performance agreement with Swiss Air Force fulfilled

In 2018, skyguide once again fully complied with its performance agreement with the Swiss Air Force. Skyguide has thus made an important contribution to the sovereignty of Swiss airspace and once again proved to be a reliable partner of the Swiss Air Force.

Walter T. Vogel, Chairman of skyguide's Board of Directors:

"Skyguide was able to provide the capacity required by its customers despite a marked increase in traffic. This strong performance, however, contrasts with a marked rise in net costs. A further increase in our efficiency and flexibility is therefore the basis for the future-oriented development of our air navigation services. To this end, we are pushing ahead with the virtualisation and automation of our technological systems, but this development also requires a comprehensive cultural change throughout the organization".

Skyguide once again recognized as European leader in innovation

At the World ATM Congress in Madrid in mid-March 2019, skyguide once again received global recognition for its role as an innovator in Europe. Skyguide received the Jane's ATC Award 2019 together with its development partners for its new advanced runway safety improvement (ARSI) system at Zurich Airport, and

another distinction from the European Commission in the form of an SES Award (Single European Sky) for the automation of communications in network management. Skyguide also received official recognition from the European Commission for its technological developments in the field of Service Oriented Architecture (SOA).

Skyguide attracted considerable attention at the World ATM Congress in connection with the introduction of the U-Space test phase and the integration and management of drones in Swiss airspace, in the cities of Geneva and Lugano.

These awards underscore skyguide's role as one of the most innovative air navigation service providers in Europe.

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Skyguide is responsible for providing air navigation services in Switzerland and in certain adjacent parts of neighbouring countries. With its workforce of some 1 500 employees who are active at 14 locations in Switzerland, skyguide safely and reliably guides some 1.3 million civil and military flights a year through Europe's busiest airspace. Skyguide is well integrated into the international air navigation services community and, with its innovative and customer-minded solutions, helps enhance Switzerland's appeal as a place to live, work and do business. The company is majority-owned by the Swiss Confederation, and is headquartered in Geneva.
