

## **Austria's capital will once again serve as the meeting place for the air cargo and pharmaceutical sectors: Vienna Cargo Day and FlyPharma Conference at Vienna Airport in October 2024**

Two air cargo events featuring prominent participants will take place at Vienna Airport from 22-24 October 2024, namely the Vienna Cargo Day and the FlyPharma Conference, will be held directly afterwards. Following the successful launch last year, national and international industry experts will once again meet at the Vienna Airport Conference & Innovation Center, to inform themselves and exchange views about trends such as AI for the supply chain, global market developments and innovations for air cargo and pharmaceutical handling.

### **Vienna Cargo Day on 22<sup>nd</sup> of October 2024**

Up-to-date insights into the possibilities of using artificial intelligence for air cargo supply chains, presented by Prof. Sebastian Kummer, Head of the Institute for Transport and Logistics Management, Vienna University of Economics and Business, will be one of the highlights of the Vienna Cargo Day scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> of October 2024. Sam Okpro, CEO of PRO Air Cargo Consulting, will provide an overview of the increasingly complex global developments and current challenges facing the sector, and thus a further basis for stimulating discussions. Michael Mottl, Head of Customs & Documentation at Flughafen Wien AG, will provide an overview of cargo handling operations at the airport and its future perspectives. The Vienna Cargo Day will be opened by Ralph Rösener, Manager of Cargo Business Development at Flughafen Wien AG and Dr. Günther Ofner, joint CEO and CFO of Flughafen Wien AG, with insights into the growing role of Vienna Airport in international developments as well as Glyn Hughes, Director General of TIACA.

### **FlyPharma on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of October 2024**

From 23-24 October 2024, the focus will be completely placed on the field of pharmaceutical logistics and supply chains. FlyPharma participants can expect two days of ideas and impulses on market trends, innovations, the latest legal requirements, security technologies and promoting the collaboration of various players. Furthermore, an exclusive tour of the Pharma Handling Center at Vienna Airport will be offered.

People interested in attending the Vienna Airport Cargo Day can find information and registration possibilities by using the following link: <https://www.airportcity.at/cargo>

People interested in attending the two-day FlyPharma Conference can find information and registration possibilities by using the following link: <https://flypharmaeurope.com/tickets/>

### **Cool handling: Competence centre for pharmaceutical cargo at Vienna Airport**

Thanks to the Vienna Airport Pharma Handling Center (VPHC), the airport operates its own competence centre for handling temperature-sensitive air freight. This enables pharmaceutical shipments to reach their global destinations via the air cargo hub of Vienna in addition to general air cargo. Leading cargo airlines such as Lufthansa Cargo, Emirates Cargo, Eva Air Cargo, Korean Air Cargo, Asiana, Cargolux, Turkish Cargo, Qatar Airways Cargo and Silk Way West Airlines link the airport with all important international markets. At the same time, shipments from all continents arrive in Vienna, where they are securely, quickly and reliably distributed throughout Central and Eastern Europe.

### **About Vienna Airport as a cargo hub**

Thanks to its geographically favourable location in Europe, Vienna has positioned itself as an important global cargo hub for Central and Eastern Europe. Vienna Airport is used by leading cargo

airlines, especially for intercontinental transport. The airport offers rapid transshipment times based on its 24/7 operational readiness. Ten Category F aircraft parking positions (Boeing 747, Antonov 124) near the terminal buildings are available for air cargo. Vienna Airport is firmly anchored in the European network of air cargo road feeder services. The most important consumer and business centres in Central and Eastern Europe are accessed within 24 or 48 hours. Flughafen Wien AG, which is publicly traded on the Vienna Stock Exchange, is one of the biggest employers in the region, featuring a workforce of more than 5,400 people.

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