

# NEWSLETTER

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## Berlin Brandenburg Airport Willy Brandt starts operations

The new Terminal 1 at Berlin Brandenburg Airport Willy Brandt (BER) was opened on 31 October 2020 with the landing of the two aircrafts operated by easyJet and Lufthansa. Upon arrival, the passengers, including easyJet CEO Johan Lundgren and Lufthansa CEO Carsten Spohr, were welcomed in Terminal 1 by the head of the airport company, Engelbert Lütke Daldrup.

The symbolic opening act took place in a small circle and was attended by the Minister President of the State of Brandenburg, Dietmar Woidke, the Governing Mayor of Berlin, Michael Müller,

the Federal Minister of Transport and Digital Infrastructure, Andreas Scheuer MdB, and the Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the airport company, Rainer Bretschneider.

On Sunday, 1 November 2020, regular operations began at Terminal 1 of Berlin Brandenburg Airport Willy Brandt (BER) with the first commercial departures. At 6.45 in the morning, an easyJet aircraft took off for London Gatwick. In the course of the day, a total of 23 departures with over 3,000 passengers took place from the new Terminal 1.

IATA CODE: **BER**

area size 1,470 ha  
= 2,000 football pitches



**Passenger check-in**

25 passenger  
jet bridges



**Runways**

North: 3,600 m  
South: 4,000 m



**Standing slots**

100 aircrafts



**Retail**

120 shops, restaurants  
and service facilities  
> 20,000 m<sup>2</sup>

# BUSINESS LOCATION

## Berlin Brandenburg Airport BER - Driver of growth for the entire region

Following the opening of BER, the Airport Region Berlin Brandenburg is experiencing a growth spurt that will have an impact on the entire German capital region. "We are already registering concrete settlement projects that can be attributed to the international airport. This knock-on effect will only increase, because the Airport Region Berlin Brandenburg is highly attractive for investors," says Dr. Stefan Franzke (Berlin Partner).

The most prominent example is Tesla. The e-mobility pioneer's planned Gigafactory in Grünheide is not only located near the airport, it was also directly connected to the new airport by the company's CEO Elon Musk at the announcement of the location's opening. For a globally operating company like Tesla, an international airport at its doorstep with direct connections to other continents is a major location advantage.

The Airport Region Berlin Brandenburg continues to attract additional exciting company settlements. One example is DHL's logistics hub which brought 600 new jobs in the Industriepark 4.0 in Ludwigfelde. MTU Maintenance, a company specializing in aircraft turbine maintenance, recently opened its new logistics center.

Berlin boasts an attractive mix of sectors: With SAP, for example, an information and communications company will move into its new office in Europacity north of Berlin's main train station in late 2022. The internet giant Zalando located on the banks of the Spree River in Friedrichshain and will have a new neighbor in early 2024: Amazon. A large number of healthcare and photonics companies are located, among others, in Adlershof further down south along the airport corridor.

The economic effects of this international air transport hub will radiate far beyond Schönefeld to all of Berlin and Brandenburg. This is ensured by the trans-European transport corridors to which BER is connected. 34 high-profile



Dr. Steffen Kammradt (CEO WFBB) | Dr. Stefan Franzke (CEO Berlin Partner)  
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business locations alone are in the immediate vicinity of the BER Airport, within a 30-minute driving radius. The Airport Region Team, made up of staff from Berlin Partner and Economic Development Agency Brandenburg, promotes the area surrounding the airport around the world.

*"The region around the BER airport is developing into one of the outstanding business locations in the German capital region."*

*Dr. Steffen Kammradt (WFBB)*

The Airport Region Team office is located directly on site at the airport. The economic development agencies of both federal states focus on sustainable and high added value for location

openings. Their goal is a mix of industrial companies, startups, research, and services in a future-oriented mix of sectors.

Of this, we, the economic development agencies of both federal states, are certain: BER will be a driver of growth for the entire region.

Would you like to benefit from this?  
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We are glad to be here for you.

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# THREE QUESTIONS FOR

## Prof. Dr. Engelbert Lütke Daldrup, Chief Executive Officer of FBB GmbH



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**Airport Region Team:** The new Berlin Brandenburg Airport Willy Brandt is now open. What is your first conclusion?

**Engelbert Lütke Daldrup:** The days and weeks before the opening were a huge effort, but the efforts have paid off. The capital region now has an internationally competitive airport. That is a real asset.

**Airport Region Team:** What impact will it have?

**Engelbert Lütke Daldrup:** The number of passengers will increase once the pandemic is over. Certainly, this won't happen quickly. Probably, we will not reach pre-COVID

levels again until 2024. But the airport's good transport connections and modern infrastructure will ensure increased interest in BER, both for travelers and the air freight business. This means that the new airport will have an impact on the growth of the entire capital region.

**Airport Region Team:** We have already seen the signs of this development in the growing interest of investors. What do you expect for the airport region?

**Engelbert Lütke Daldrup:** To put it in a nutshell, as an economic engine, the BER will boost the economy for the entire region all the way down to Lusatia [in the state of Saxony], even if that will take some time due to the pandemic. We are already cooperating very closely with the business development agencies of Brandenburg and Berlin in developing the environment.

This collaboration between the airport operator and the economic development agencies of Berlin and Brandenburg per se creates an added value for the entire region. We are pleased that the business development agencies also consider Berlin Brandenburg Airport Willy Brandt as a major plus for the region.

Further information: [ber.berlin-airport.de](https://ber.berlin-airport.de)



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# TRAFFIC INFRASTRUCTURE

## Excellent connections

The BER is well connected to public transport and has its own six-platform railway station with three platforms located directly below Terminal 1. In addition, the BER can be reached by bus, taxi and private car.



### Train station

During rush hour, a total of 14 trains run per hour, including the S-Bahn (every ten minutes) and the IC Dresden-Rostock (about once an hour). The station is called "Flughafen BER - Terminal 1-2".

The former Berlin-Schönefeld Flughafen station is now called "Flughafen BER - Terminal 5".

Trains run every 10 minutes between both stations, whilst buses run every five minutes.

### Road connections

A separate entry/exit of highway A113 called „Flughafen Berlin Brandenburg“ guarantees direct and quick connections from BER T1-T2 to Berlin city center, while the Berliner Ring road A10 further connects to the broader catchment area.

BER T5 is accessible via no. 7 junction Schönefeld-Süd and the B96a.

Passengers and visitors to BER can choose from more than 10,000 parking lots.

### Services from 2020 onwards

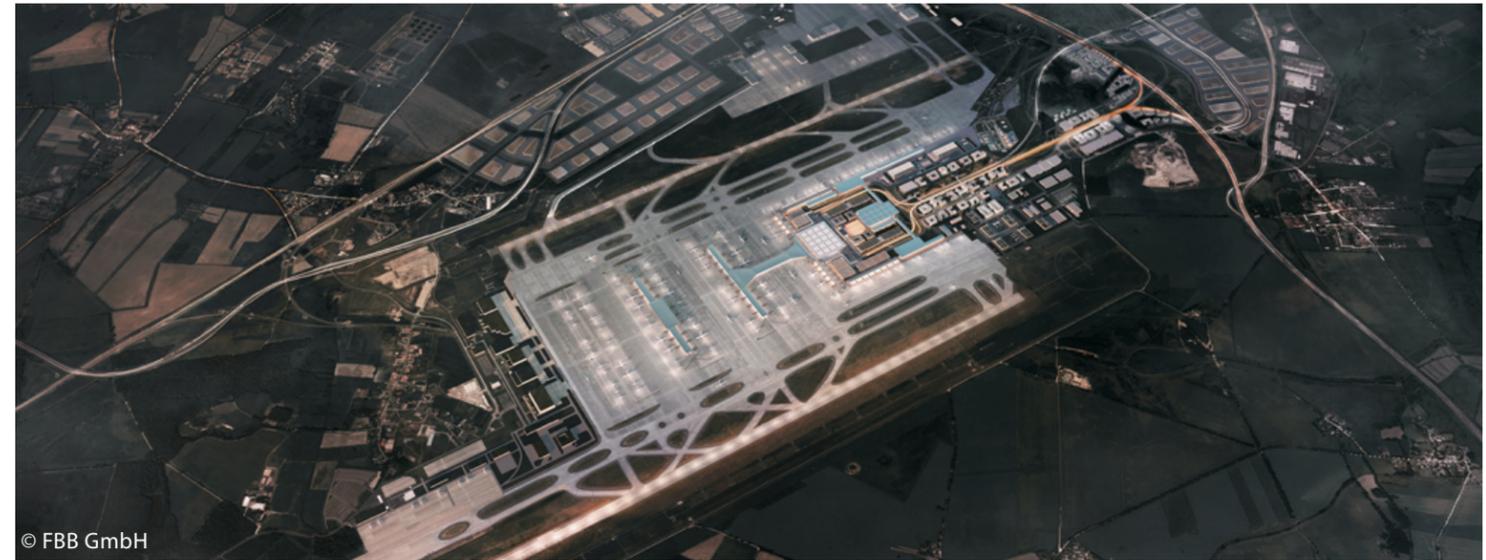
- FEX: Hauptbahnhof – Ostkreuz – BER T1 (every 30 minutes)
- RE7: Dessau, Bad-Belzig – Berlin-Stadtbahn – BER T1 – Wünsdorf-Waldstadt (hourly service)
- RB14: Nauen – Berlin-Stadtbahn – BER T1 (hourly service)
- RB22: Potsdam – Golm – BER T1 – Königs Wusterhausen (hourly service)
- S9: Spandau – Stadtbahn – BER T5 – BER T1 (every 20 minutes)
- S45: Südkreuz – BER T5 – BER T1 (every 20 minutes)

### Services from 2022 onwards

Train services will be optimized by the end of 2022. The current Schönefeld railway station will then be re-integrated into the regional transport system. Commissioning of the Dresdner Bahn (Berlin-Dresden railway), due to take place from 2025 onwards, will further expand transport services, reducing the FEX journey time to 20 minutes only.



# OUTLOOK

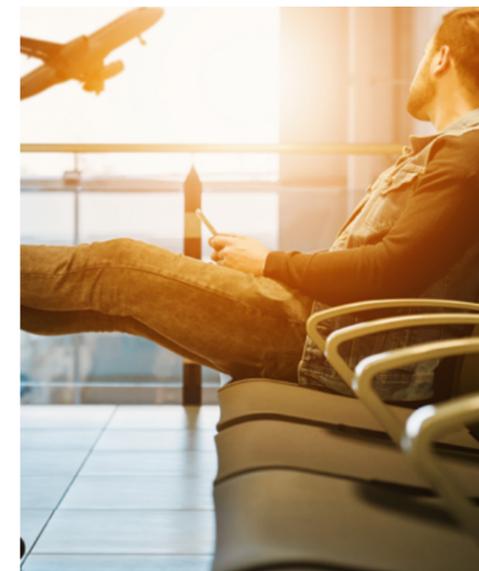


Over the coming years, thousands of new jobs will be created in the airport region over. In 15 years, around 40,000 people may directly earn a living with a job at Berlin Brandenburg Airport. This was the conclusion of a study published in January 2020 by the market research institute Conoscope and the Competency Centre for Economics, Infrastructure, and Public Services at the University of Leipzig on behalf of Flughafen Berlin Brandenburg (FBB). At the moment, more than 20,000 people are employed as a result of activities at Tegel and Schönefeld Airports. FBB itself has around 2,200 staff.

This is linked with an ever-increasing number of passengers. Passenger volumes for 2040 are predicted to reach around 55 million. A strategic mission statement – the BER 2040 Master Plan – was drawn up in order to provide suitable infrastructure tailored to the forecast passenger volumes by 2040.

The master plan describes further potential steps in airport planning in or-

der to handle the forecast increase in the number of passengers, to continue to drive property development, and to expand media infrastructure. It describes the planned implementation of the infrastructural and urban development mission statement against the background of the sharply rising passenger numbers and puts forward suggestions for the gradual expansion of the new BER Airport tailored to the various requirements over the course of phases.



The development of the BER 2040 Master Plan is based on three leading ideas:

1. Creation of a centralized and flexible terminal infrastructure by way of additional gates, pier extensions and new satellite constructions with a flexible layout.
2. Development of a central plaza at the existing BER railway station and passenger transport system with the aim of absorbing and distributing traffic flows.
3. Development of an Airport City, which extends from the terminal to the A113 motorway.

Further information about BER development and expansion plans can be found at:  
[www.berlin-airport.de/de/presse/informationen-ber/ausblick/](http://www.berlin-airport.de/de/presse/informationen-ber/ausblick/)

# INVESTMENTS

## 34 attractive commercial locations in the Airport Region Berlin Brandenburg

There are a total of 34 attractive business locations in the Airport Region Berlin Brandenburg. With a total property portfolio covering an area of approximately 325 ha, the airport operator Flughafen Berlin Brandenburg GmbH is the largest provider of airside and landside development areas in the surroundings of Berlin Brandenburg Airport BER.



Detailed information on the business locations in the Airport Region Berlin Brandenburg can be found on our website at [www.airport-region.com/commercial-locations](http://www.airport-region.com/commercial-locations)

# AIRPORT REGION TEAM

## Our services for companies interested in settling in the capital region

The Airport Region Berlin Brandenburg is a cooperation between the two business development agencies Berlin Partner for Business and Technology (BPWT) and the Economic Development Agency Brandenburg (WFBB).

The Airport Region Team is the first point of contact for companies interested in settling in the airport region and supports them in close cooperation with the respective industry experts of BPWT and WFBB in

implementing their investment projects. The free of charge services include information on available commercial space, the supply of specialist and management staff, as well as financing and support options.

The Airport Region Team is located in Schönefeld/Germany directly on the new BER airport's premises.

### Our free advice covers information on:

- Commercial locations and areas
- Funding opportunities
- Investment support
- Skilled workers, specialists and managerial staff
- Business and technology networks
- Business and policymaker contacts

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The airport operator, project developers, municipalities and districts are partners to the Airport Region Berlin Brandenburg brand alliance.

The "Airport Region Berlin Brandenburg" label is synonymous with the broad and varied range of excellently developed, premium premises for industry and trade. The region has the lowest trade tax rates in Germany, as well as ideal transport links in the direct and extended vicinity of the airport.

Please contact us if you are interested in becoming a partner of our brand alliance.



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