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## Lufthansa Cargo A321 freighter lifts off for first commercial flight

**First flight from Frankfurt (FRA) to Dublin (DUB) with onward flight to Manchester (MAN) takes off • Freighter with registration D-AEUC christened “Hello Europe” • Europe’s leading cargo airline now offers attractive same-day and e-commerce solutions within Europe and to selected medium-haul destinations**

Lufthansa Cargo’s first Airbus 321 freighter took off for service for the first time at 16:21 (CET) on March 15, 2022. Under flight number LH8350, the A321F took off from Frankfurt (FRA) to Dublin (DUB) before continuing to Manchester (MAN). The freighter, christened “Hello Europe,” was loaded with express freight and general cargo on its maiden flight. The twin-engine

aircraft is operated by Lufthansa CityLine. With this market launch, Lufthansa Cargo is responding to the continued growth in demand from the e-commerce industry and can thus offer customers even more capacity and additional fast connections.

Dorothea von Boxberg, Chairperson of the Executive Board and CEO of Lufthansa Cargo, underscores the importance of the new freighter for the Lufthansa Cargo business model: "The addition of the medium-haul network is an important step in further opening our company to attractive business segments such as the fast-growing e-commerce sector," von Boxberg emphasizes. "Lufthansa Cargo can now offer its customers same-day and e-commerce solutions within Europe and to selected medium-haul destinations. The new aircraft will serve a wide range of customers and routes, both scheduled and charter. We look forward to providing much-needed capacity in the European market and further strengthening our position as the leading airfreight carrier in Europe."

For Lufthansa CityLine, too, the operation of the A321 freighter represents a step into the future: "We have put Cargo Operations at Lufthansa CityLine on its feet in a very short time. Together with Lufthansa Cargo, we are very proud to launch this first converted A321F certified in Germany," says Jens Fehlinger, Managing Director of Lufthansa CityLine.

### **A321F serves medium-haul destinations**

With the start of operations on March 15, Lufthansa Cargo will gradually add Dublin (DUB), Manchester (MAN), Istanbul (IST), Tel Aviv (TLV), Malta (MLA) and Tunis (TUN) to its global route network by deploying the A321 freighter. In the summer schedule, the carrier will also add flights to Cairo (CAI) starting March 29. The partially new stations in the freighter network will be served two to three times a week from and to Frankfurt (FRA).

### **D-AEUC christened "Hello Europe"**

Before the Airbus 321F with the registration D-AEUC took off on its first commercial flight today, a symbolic christening took place at Frankfurt Airport. As the first aircraft in the A321F series, it was christened 'Hello Europe'. The naming principle is based on the guiding idea "Say hello around the world". Since 2013, Lufthansa Cargo has named its aircraft after relevant markets to which the aircraft fly. For the new A321 freighter, "Hello Europe"

was therefore chosen as a greeting to the European countries for whose e-commerce and same-day shipments it will primarily be used. In the run-up to the commercial maiden flight, interested customers, employees and journalists were able to find out about the advantages and special features of the new A321 medium-haul freighter at a virtual live streaming event.

## **Second A321F to add medium-haul capacity in late summer**

To date, Lufthansa Cargo operates a freighter fleet of currently 15 of its own B777F aircraft. The second A321 medium-haul freighter is expected to enter service in late summer. Both aircraft will be operated under a wet lease agreement by Lufthansa CityLine, each under Lufthansa Cargo's flight number.

The Airbus A321s (A321P2F), which have been converted to freighters, offer a payload of 28 metric tons with a range of 3,500 kilometers. The conversion allows the use of standardized cargo pallets on the main deck as well. The twin-engine Airbus A321 is one of the most versatile aircraft in its class: with the ability to transport containers on the main deck, it offers fast loading and unloading, enabling highly efficient flight operations.

Technical details of the Airbus 321F

Overall length: 44.51 m

Wingspan: 34.10 m

Tail height: 11.76 m

Payload in tons: 28 t

Range (with full load): 1,900 nautical miles

Max. take-off weight: 89 t

Cruising speed: 840 km/h

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## **Lufthansa Cargo AG**

With a turnover of 3.8 billion euros and a transport performance of 7.2 billion freight ton kilometers in 2021, Lufthansa Cargo is one of the world's leading companies in the transport of airfreight. The company currently employs around 4,200 people worldwide. Lufthansa Cargo's focus is on the airport-to-airport business. The route network covers around 300 destinations in more than 100 countries, using both freighter aircraft and cargo capacity from passenger aircraft operated by Lufthansa, Austrian Airlines, Brussels Airlines, Eurowings Discover and SunExpress, as well as trucks. The majority of the

cargo business is handled via Frankfurt Airport. Lufthansa Cargo is pursuing the goal of becoming the world's most sustainable cargo airline. To achieve this, the company relies on state-of-the-art technologies and continuous investments in the area of sustainability. In 2021, important milestones were reached, such as the fleet modernization to an all-B777F fleet and the introduction of completely CO2-neutral freight transport for all customers. In 2022, Lufthansa Cargo plans to successively equip its fleet with Sharkskin technology and expand its Sustainable Aviation Fuel program to further reduce CO2 emissions. Lufthansa Cargo is a wholly owned subsidiary of Deutsche Lufthansa AG and the specialist for the logistics business of the Lufthansa Group.

### **Lufthansa CityLine**

Lufthansa CityLine is a wholly owned subsidiary of Deutsche Lufthansa AG and specializes in hub traffic at the airports of Frankfurt and Munich. The airline supports Lufthansa's global route network with flights to European capitals and regional cities. With about 2,200 employees and a fleet of about 50 modern aircraft, Lufthansa CityLine carries about 8 million passengers per year in normal times.

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