



The Airport City Continues to Grow: New Business Location Project Brings the First Helicopter Simulation Centre to the Airport

The Airport City surrounding Vienna Airport continues to grow: The Salzburg-based company Heli Austria GmbH is building Austria's first helicopter simulation centre on a commercial property covering about 14,000 square metres. The new training facility will offer training flights on fully manoeuvrable, so-called "full motion" type H135 and H145 flight simulators. The offering targets civil aviation pilots, for example for rescue missions, and for military flight operations. The ground-breaking ceremony is scheduled to take place this year, and the helicopter centre is planned to commence operations at the end of 2020. Total investments in the project will comprise up to EUR 20 million.

"The proximity to Vienna Airport is particularly attractive for many companies. For this reason, our Airport City is steadily expanding. The helicopter simulation centre represents a highly-specialised training facility for pilots which is unique in this form, but not only in Austria", states Günther Ofner, Member of the Management Board of Flughafen Wien AG. Accordingly, the facility will not only target pilots from Europe but also from the Asian region. "We will begin with three H135 and H145 simulators. It is planned to extend training to encompass the Leonardo AW139 helicopter which is popular in Asia. Night time flight simulations are also included in our programme", says Roy Knaus, Managing Director of Heli Austria GmbH.

Airport City and the Vienna Airport Region: drivers of job creation in the eastern region

The areas surrounding Vienna Airport are an optimal location for companies looking for growth opportunities, a comprehensive local supply and traffic infrastructure as well as efficient connections to international markets. Together with neighbouring municipalities and business organisations, Vienna Airport markets the region as a business location for local and international companies. This creates new jobs, increases purchasing power and enhances the quality of life in the entire region. The setting up of business operations at the airport site by the logistics providers cargo-partner and DHL, the corporate headquarters of Makita Austria and the helicopter centre will create about 700 new jobs.

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