

<b>Event</b>	Interview
<b>Interviewee</b>	Mr. Valentin Palamarchuk General Director, Donetsk International Airport
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**Eunite Ukraine (EU): As of today, how many airlines does Donetsk International Airport cooperate with?**

Mr. Valentin Palamarchuk (VP): At the moment, the airport has agreements with 7 airlines which operate regular flights from Donetsk, with 4 airlines which operate business-aviation flights, and about 20 companies which operate charter flights.

**EU: What is the airport's share in the total amount of air service in Ukraine (domestic and international service)?**

VP: Based on the results of 2010, Donetsk airport is the 3rd among Ukrainian airports by the number of flights, and the 4th – by the number of serviced passengers. In domestic flights, the airport is 2nd by flights and 3rd – by passengers. In international flights, the airport is 3rd by flights and 5th – by passengers.

**EU: Which destinations are open today? Do you expect opening new destinations in the near future? If so, the priority will be given to domestic or international flights?**

VP: In Donetsk airport, the regular destinations are as follows: Kyiv, Moscow (Domodedovo, Vnukovo, Sheremetyevo), Surgut, Tbilisi, Baku, Erevan, Istanbul, Athens, Larnaca, Munich, Vienna, Tel-Aviv. Czech Airlines will open a regular 3-times-a-week flight to Prague since April 25th, 2011. Since June 4th, 2011, LOT Polish Airlines will open a regular flight to Warsaw. There are also regular flights to Simferopol, Odessa, Saint-Petersburg and Nizhnevartovsk planned for a spring-summer schedule. Based on the airport's performance during the last years, international air service is growing more dynamically. At the same time, the airport management puts a lot of efforts into developing both international and domestic service. One of the main tasks is setting up the flight connection between Donetsk region and cities of the Western Ukraine.

**EU: Do you have night flights?**

VP: Donetsk airport is working on a 24/7 basis.

**EU: How would you estimate the overall state of Donetsk international airport preparation to EURO 2012, as of today?**

VP: As of today, preparation of Donetsk airport projects to EURO 2012 is following the schedule. It is planned to complete construction and reconstruction of all projects by the end of 2011. However, the questions of equipping the airport with additional machines and personnel are still open.

**EU: When the new passenger terminal is planned to be open? What is the state of the project, which works are being done at the moment, and which are still to be done?**

VP: The questions about new terminal and its financing are under cognizance of the State Enterprise “Direction of Capital Construction and Reconstruction of Donetsk International Airport”.

**EU: What is the airport capacity as of today? What is the planned capacity after putting the new terminal into operation?**

VP: Today, the airport capacity is 700 passengers per hour (inbound and outbound). The physical capacity of the terminal building is limited as it was built in 1975 as solely domestic terminal. Due to the more complicated security control procedures, passport and border control, as well as limited number of gates, there are serious restrictions for the number of serviced passengers.

**EU: As of today, what is the passenger flow of Donets airport? How will it increase after the new terminal opening?**

VP: In 2010, 612,200 passengers (inbound and outbound) were serviced in Donetsk airport. We do not expect a large growth of passenger flow in relation to the new terminal opening, since the key factors today are the cost of tickets and low average salaries. We foresee that the annual passenger flow growth rate after putting into operation the new terminal will be 5-10%. At the same time, our enterprise has developed and implemented the Incentive Program for airlines in the Donetsk international airport. This Program includes special terms of service and discounts.

**EU: What other projects and works are planned in the framework of infrastructure development of Donetsk international airport?**

VP: The State Target Program of Preparation and Hosting the final part of EURO 2012 in Ukraine provides for the following measures within development of Donetsk airport:

- Project development and construction of new artificial runway;
- Project development, reconstruction and construction of paved aprons, parking stands and taxi ways;
- Project development and construction of air traffic control tower;
- Comprehensive reconstruction of terminal complex (construction of the new terminal with parking, projects development, reconstruction of the existing terminal and landside, design and construction of the business-aviation terminal).

**EU: Which opportunities will appear for the airport after putting into operation the new runway?**

VP: The existing runway has restrictions as to the maximum take-off weight of aircrafts. The new paved runway, 4000x60 m, is able to take any aircrafts irrespective of their take-off weight and at any weather conditions. Thus, the airport will be able to serve all types of modern passenger and cargo aircrafts. We expect that opening of the new runway will facilitate the development of not only the passenger flow, but also of the cargo flow.



**EU: Who will be training the operational staff for working in the renewed airport?**

VP: Under the supervision of the Vice-Prime-Minister of Ukraine, Mr. B.V.Kolesnikov, there was created a team of foreign specialists that provide consultations to the government with regard to Ukraine's preparation to EURO 2012. The team of foreign specialists for preparation of the Ukrainian airports to the Championship is headed by Mr. Rudy Vercelli. The foreign consultants have repeatedly visited Donetsk airport for learning about its operating activity. It is expected that the mentioned experts will participate in the preparation of the airport personnel for hosting EURO 2012, in respective workshops and trainings. Besides, the airport has developed programs of training and certification of additional staff.

**EU: What are the long-term development plans of Donetsk international airport?**

VP: In the long run, Donetsk airport development plans include expansion of service portfolio, facilitation of passenger and cargo flows growth, making air transportation affordable for the major part of Ukrainian population and, as a result, creation of air hub in the Eastern Ukraine.