

The table below shows a constant annual increase of civil traffic movements at Belgrade airport starting from the year 2004. The evolution of traffic reflect closely the development of political and economical situation in the country.

International traffic comprises mainly scheduled services to the major European and Middle East cities. It also comprises charter services to the Mediterranean and North African destinations. The international traffic accounts for 90% of the total traffic at Belgrade airport.

Belgrade, „Nikola Tesla“ Airport has recorded 16% increase of aircraft movements in 2006 compared to 2005. the number of passengers has also increased for the same period, by 25%.

YEAR	2004	2005	2006
TOTAL	41802	36426	42254
ARRIVALS	20871	18427	21375
DEPARTURES	20931	17999	20879

3. Traffic forecast

Further political improvements and economical growth in Serbia will generate more demand for air travel resulting in increased air traffic at the annual rate of 127%.

4. Staffing aspects

There are 39 abi-initos in Belgrade ATCO training centre, they have just finished first part of their training, and they suppose to get radar licence (ACC) within next 2 years.

Plans for introducing radar planner in ACC and Belgrade Approach are on their way, unfortanatly in that proces we are going to lose some staff. Some of our senior coleagues are not capable to get their radar licenses

on time (aprox.30 people), and we are waiting for negotiatins with menagment regarding those coleagues, so far we have unoficcial confirmation from menagment that no one will be fired.

Our Civil Aviation Authority request that all ATCOS take ELPAC test before March 2008, unfortanaty they didn't consult no one regarding this matter. Unions and proffesional association tried to make influence on the people who made those decisions but there were no result.

Unfortanaty, menagement in company reacted to late althaugh Unions from Serbia warned them several times that ELPAC testing might be a problem. Last summer, during June and July all licensed ATCOS took the initial English language testing. We were divided in several groups and now we have classes in our training centre.

Next summer will be really chalenging for us because of introducing radar planner and ELPAC testing, we will for sure face stuff shortage that could couse delays and air traffic capacity restrictions for the first time in recent years. Unions will insist that working ours for ATCOS should be the same like now (we have limited working hours guaranteed by law).

5. Social aspects

We are facing hard negotiations with management within this or next month. Improving social status of ATCOS is still our goal...

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