

## **Austro Control and FREQUENTIS encouraged by success of new Homebriefing system**

**Austrian ANSP Austro Control has been effectively processing flight plans and related data through its Homebriefing system, successfully implemented in cooperation with Frequentis at the end of 2017. This month marks 10,000 flight plans processed by the new system, which enables pilots to comprehensively prepare themselves for flights by submitting flight plans online via an internet platform and at Selfbriefing-Terminals located at all Austrian airports.**

The Austro Control Homebriefing system is based on the key features of the European AIS Database (EAD) and is closely connected to the EAD, which was implemented and operated by Frequentis on behalf of EUROCONTROL. Flight plan (FPL) data is entered into an electronic format and sent to the responsible ATC reporting officer (ARO), for checking and distribution.

The user interface is particularly critical for this system since it is not only used by professional flight data managers, but also by a considerable number of Austrian private pilots. The online platform allows users to file a new flight plan, change a flight plan, delay a flight plan, send an arrival message, retrieve slot information or cancel a flight plan. It also allows the retrieval of NOTAM and weather information and is supported on all mobile browsers including phones and tablets.

The new Homebriefing platform has been used by more than 6,200 customers, filing more than 10,000 flight plans and retrieving over 15,000 integrated briefings.

“The main focus of Austro Control as Austrian Air Navigation Service Provider is safety. A thorough and effective flight preparation plays a crucial role, when it comes to ensuring safe air travel. With the new and improved Austro Control Homebriefing System pilots can access all the relevant information with a click of a button, when and wherever they need it”, says Austro Control CEO Heinz Sommerbauer.

“By basing the system on the European AIS Database we were able to develop a more cost-effective system, which allows us to provide our briefing services free of charge to our customers. In combination with the significantly improved user interface, we now have a platform that will be used by more and more pilots”, says Austro Control COO Thomas Hoffmann.

Frequentis began working with the ANSP of Austria over 60 years ago, in 1955, when installing voice communication equipment at Vienna Airport. In 2010 Frequentis supplied further voice communication for the towers/approaches in Klagenfurt, Innsbruck and Salzburg and in 2013 was selected to carry out the renewal of the Austro Control Homebriefing/Internetbriefing system, designed to enhance the coordination of flight plans in Austria.

“Frequentis is proud of six decades of commitment to Austrian air traffic control and are extremely pleased that the latest flight plan data management and briefing system has been so successful. We are honoured that Austro Control has put their trust in our strengths and abilities for so long and that our proven track record and expertise has meant they have remained confident in us. We look forward to supporting them with future endeavors that help them to achieve the goals of their service”, says Frequentis CEO Hannes Bardach.

### About Austro Control

Austro Control is one of Europe's leading Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSP). Aided by state-of-the-art technology, our air traffic controllers safely and efficiently guide aircraft through Austrian airspace. Around the clock, 365 days a year. More than one million flight movements in Austrian airspace are being handled by Austro Control each year. With a workforce of about 1,000, Austro Control has two main functions, performed by separate divisions. The Air Navigation Services Division is largely comprised of operational functions including air traffic management, while the Aviation Agency is responsible for regulatory matters such as overseeing the issuing of Air Operators Certificates, Search and Rescue operations as well as the issuing of pilot's licenses.

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Frequentis is an international supplier of communication and information systems for control centres with safety-critical tasks. These control centre solutions are developed and distributed by Frequentis in the business segments Air Traffic Management (civil and military air traffic control, and air defence) and Public Safety & Transport (police, fire and rescue services, emergency medical services, vessel traffic and railways). Frequentis maintains a worldwide network of subsidiaries and local representatives in more than fifty countries. The company's products and solutions are behind more than 25,000 operator positions in over 150 countries. With this extensive portfolio, Frequentis is the leading provider of voice communication systems... all making our world a safer place every day!

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