## The future of Air Connectivity in Cyprus



## Where are we today

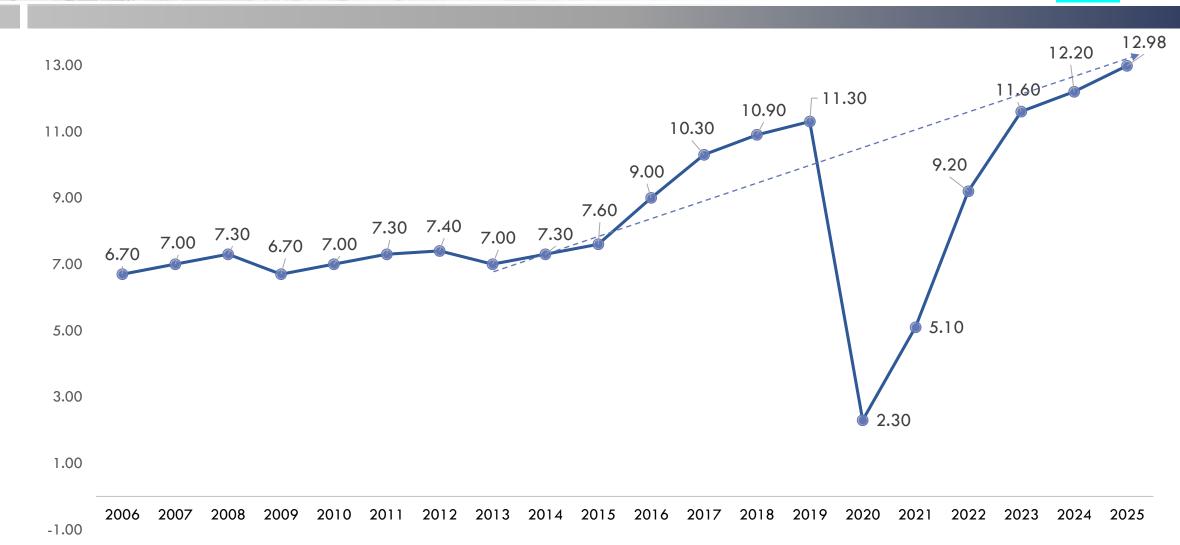


## Passenger Traffic Evolution 2006-2025

TOTAL PASSENGERS, MIL.

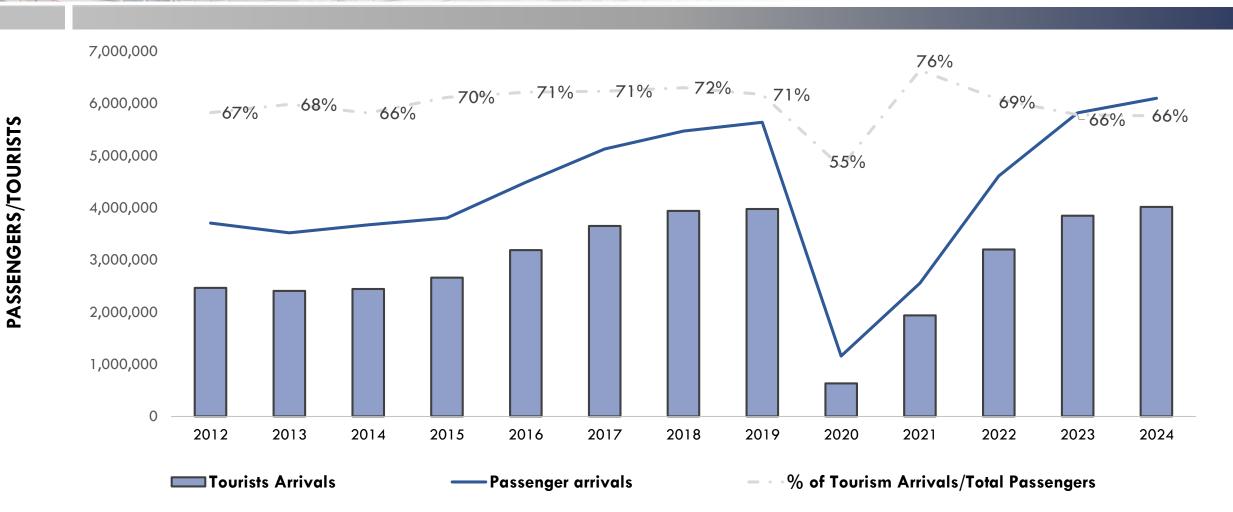






## Strong Correlation between Tourist and Passenger Arrivals



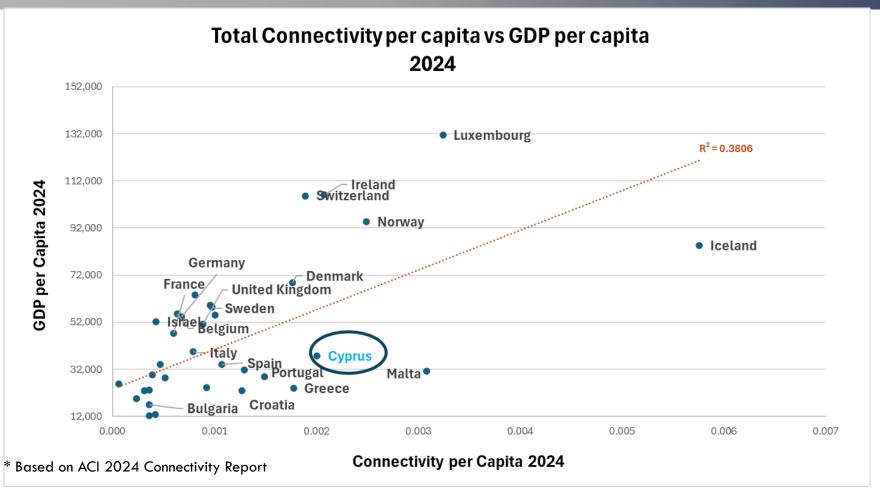


On average 65-70% of the passenger arrivals are leisure visitors(including Visiting Friends & Relatives).

## Airports Council International Connectivity Analysis



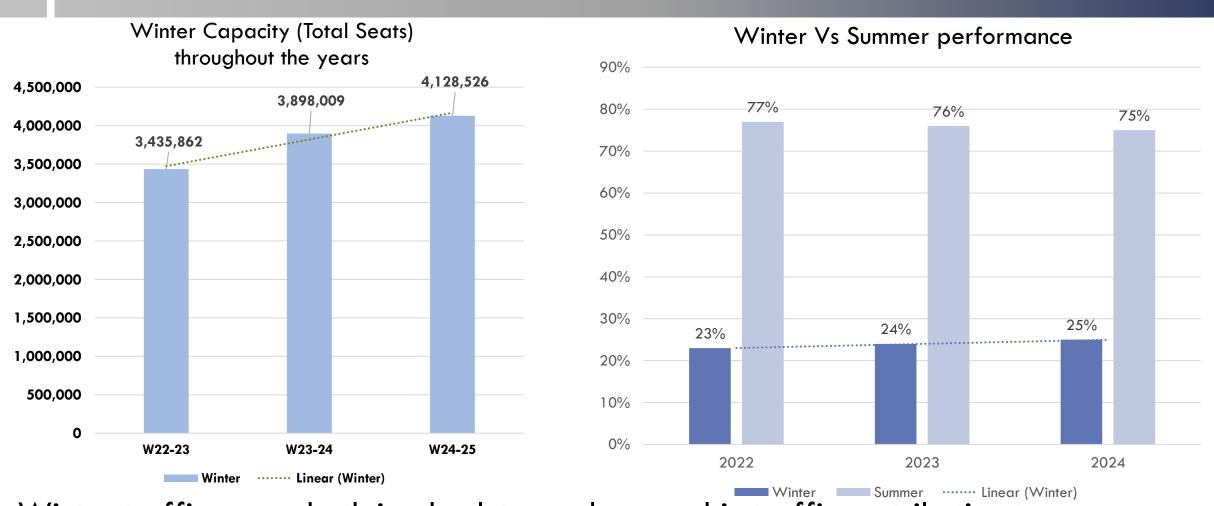




• Cyprus ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in Connectivity per capita terms and well below the GDP-Connectivity relationship line.

## Winter Vs summer Operation

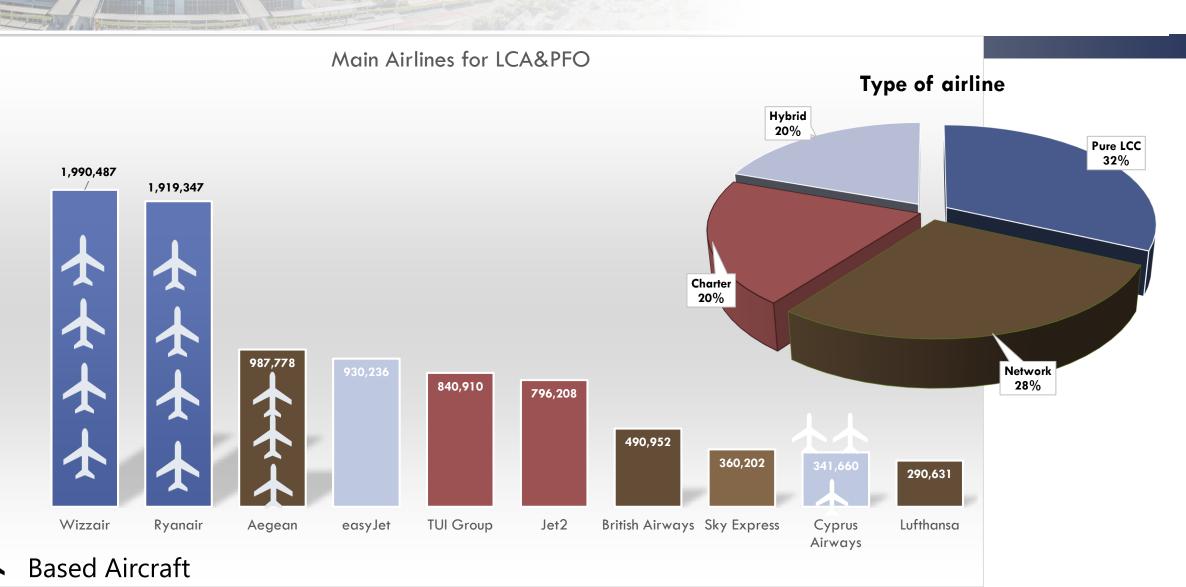




- Winter traffic grows both in absolute numbers and in traffic contribution terms.
- 32 airlines operating 85 routes in 33 markets during the W24-25

### Airline mix

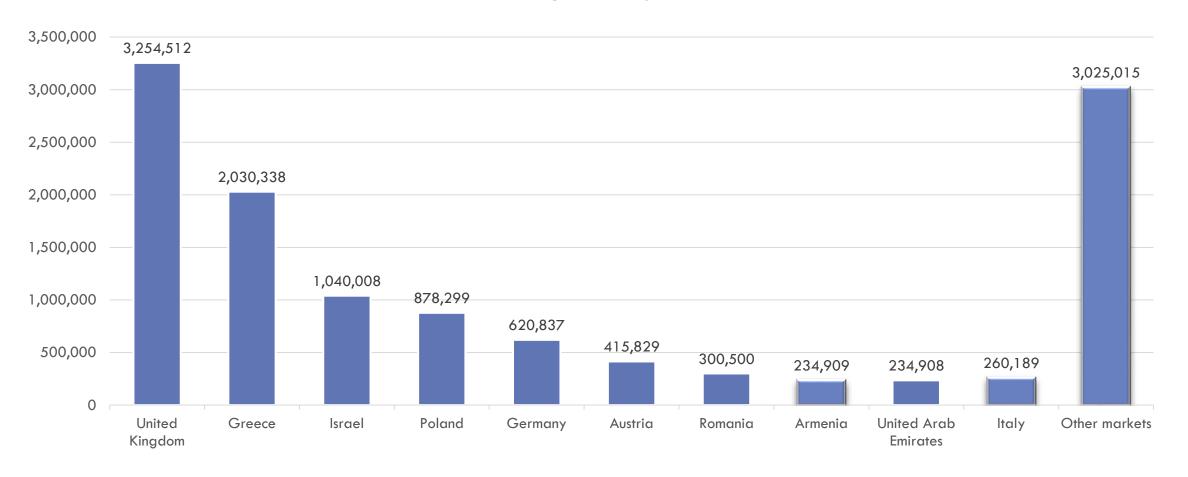




### Main source markets - 2024



#### Main Markets by Passenger numbers



• Top ten markets account for 75% of the traffic with secondary markets growing over time.

### Drivers of Decision Making by Airline model

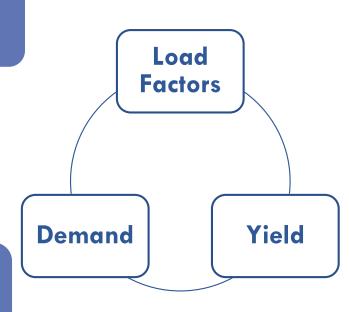


#### Low Cost

- Unit Cost
- Support by Governments and Stakeholders
- Opportunity cost

### Chartered

- Agreements with hotels & other surface providers
- Own investment



### Hybrid

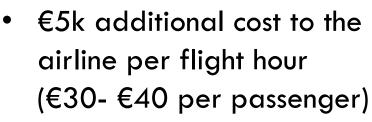
- Point to point operation
- Some options for interlining
- Work with T/Os or own holiday branch

#### Network

- Contribution to their network
- Feeder flights
- Leisure subsidiaries

## Cyprus Geographic - Weakness or Opportunity





2h35 Faro

Canary

islands

Algarve: 5m Tourists – (10-20% domestic)

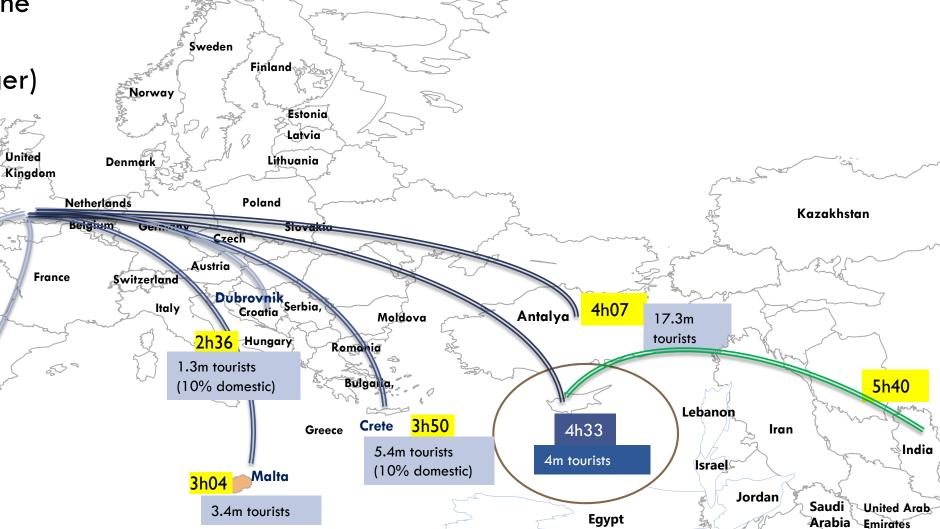
15.5m tourists

(15% domestic)

2h35

Spain /

 Opportunities to the East more difficult operation



### Air Connectivity: A function of the destination's competitiveness



#### Trends in Airlines

- Consolidation
- Hybridization
- Sustainability
- Year-round operations
- Individual development

DESTINATION
Strong points

•Mature Tourism product

Variety of accommodation options

Short Distances-Good Road infrastructure

Source of differentiation and experiences

DESTINATION
Hick ups

**Longer Sector** 

Perceived only as Sun & Sea destination

Lack of awareness

Inconsistency in quality standards

#### Passenger trends

- Shorter stays
- Off peak Immersive/Slow travel
- Sustainable options
- Tech driven travel planning

# Way Forward - Strategy



- Target airlines that can offer growth maintain a balanced portfolio of airline models to the extent possible
- Align market priorities with tourism development plan working together with Government and tourism stakeholders to take advantage of emerging markets and customer segments
  - Close gaps in main cities/capitals with no connectivity
  - Increase weekly frequency in existing routes of tourism /business interest
- Pursue year-round operations and work actively with stakeholders for the development of year-round tourism experiences and the promotional repositioning of Cyprus
- Pursue long haul direct operation to Cyprus in collaboration with other stakeholders
  - India, USA, Canada

