

Foundation stone laid for Cargolux hangar

The new passenger terminal is not the only major building project currently being undertaken at Luxembourg's Findel airport. October saw the official laying of the foundation stone for the new Cargolux hangar on the other side of the runway, near Sandweiler and close to the new radar tower, which is also currently under construction.



First stone of the new hangar

Minister for the Economy Jeannot Krecké and Transport Minister Lucien Lux participated in the ceremony alongside Cargolux CEO Ulrich Ogiermann and Chamber of Commerce Director Pierre Gramegna. The new hangar is required because Boeing's new 747 series planes no longer fit inside the old buildings adjacent to the passenger terminals. The new facility will have room to house two 747s, being some 200 metres wide, 90 metres deep and 42 metres high.

The hangar will be used for maintenance and repair work on the entire Cargolux fleet but can also be used to house planes from other airlines – it has capacity for two of the world's biggest planes, the Boeing 747 and the Airbus A380. The Cargolux fleet will expand to 16 planes in total with the delivery of two new B747-400F aircraft by 2008. The national freight carrier will then take delivery of the first of its new B747-8 aircraft in 2009.