

DFS starts trial operation to optimise the use of the runway system at Frankfurt (EDDF)

In February 2020, DFS Deutsche Flugsicherung GmbH will start a two-month trial operation at Frankfurt Airport to optimise the use of the runway system. This trial operation is part of the airport's expansion and is designed to meet the capacity and punctuality requirements of the future.

Deviating from the current operating concept, take-offs and landings will be carried out in the course of the trial operation from runways 25L and 25C in "mixed mode", with a correspondingly staggered approach separation.

Trial operations will take place on a daily basis in the period from 3 February to 25 March 2020, at the longest between 6:30 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.

The following procedures will change during the trial operation:

- There will be no north-west departure routes ("F" & "G" - SID's) for departure planning. If take-off from runway 25C / 25L is not possible due to the expected climb performance, a departure from runway 18 will be necessary.
- The runway assignment will be done during the start-up and en-route clearance. Occasionally, it may be necessary to change the departure runway to the corresponding other runway with relatively short lead times when taxiing on Taxiway L in order to achieve an even load of runways 25L and 25C: This should be taken into account by the pilot in the departure briefing.
- The parking position-based approach pre-sorting will continue to be applied during the trial operation. In order to be able to carry out the trial operation as smoothly as possible, all pilots are still requested to refrain from making enquiries about the assigned runway unless this is absolutely necessary for flight operational reasons.

All restrictive factors such as bad weather, de-icing or technical disruptions may lead to a temporary suspension of the trial operation.

An optimised overall system is of benefit to all airlines operating here.

If you have any questions regarding trial operations, please contact the e-mail address set up for this purpose: trial.eddf@dfs.de.