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# EAN inflight broadband starts soft launch phase

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More than 100 routes already feature the connectivity solution

The [European Aviation Network](#) (EAN), as part of its soft launch phase with initial airline customers, is now being offered to more than 30,000 passengers across the continent each day

The connectivity solution can already be accessed on more than 100 routes from destinations such as London, Madrid, Barcelona, Athens, Lisbon, Prague, Rome and Vienna. To date, almost two million passengers have traveled on flights with access to EAN.

EAN was developed by [Inmarsat](#) and Deutsche Telekom (DT) in partnership with leading European companies such as [Thales](#), [Nokia](#), [Airbus](#), [Cobham](#) and [EAD Aerospace](#).

Philip Balaam, President of Inmarsat Aviation, said: “EAN has established an unprecedented new benchmark for inflight broadband, not only in Europe but on a global basis. It combines the expertise of Europe’s most innovative companies to provide best-in-class connectivity unmatched by any other solution. We have been working with our initial airline customers to monitor and fine-tune the service during their soft launches before it’s rolled out on their wider fleets. We are extremely pleased with the initial response from both the airlines and their passengers, which is testament to the important role EAN is already playing in the European aviation industry. This vision of a unique, pan-European

high-speed inflight connectivity network is being deployed with advanced infrastructure in the skies and on the ground.”

Rolf Nafziger, Senior Vice President Deutsche Telekom Global Carrier, said: “We are delighted that airline passengers are now enjoying the game-changing inflight broadband capabilities of the European Aviation Network. This is a momentous achievement, not only for Deutsche Telekom and Inmarsat, but for all the European partners involved in getting this highly innovative solution off to such a flying start. EAN has a bright future ahead as it continues to roll out on more and more aircraft with initial airline customers over the coming months. In addition, its lightweight, small and low maintenance equipment provides a hugely compelling business case for other European carriers.”