



Safety – An Airport Industry View

EASA Safety Week June 2021

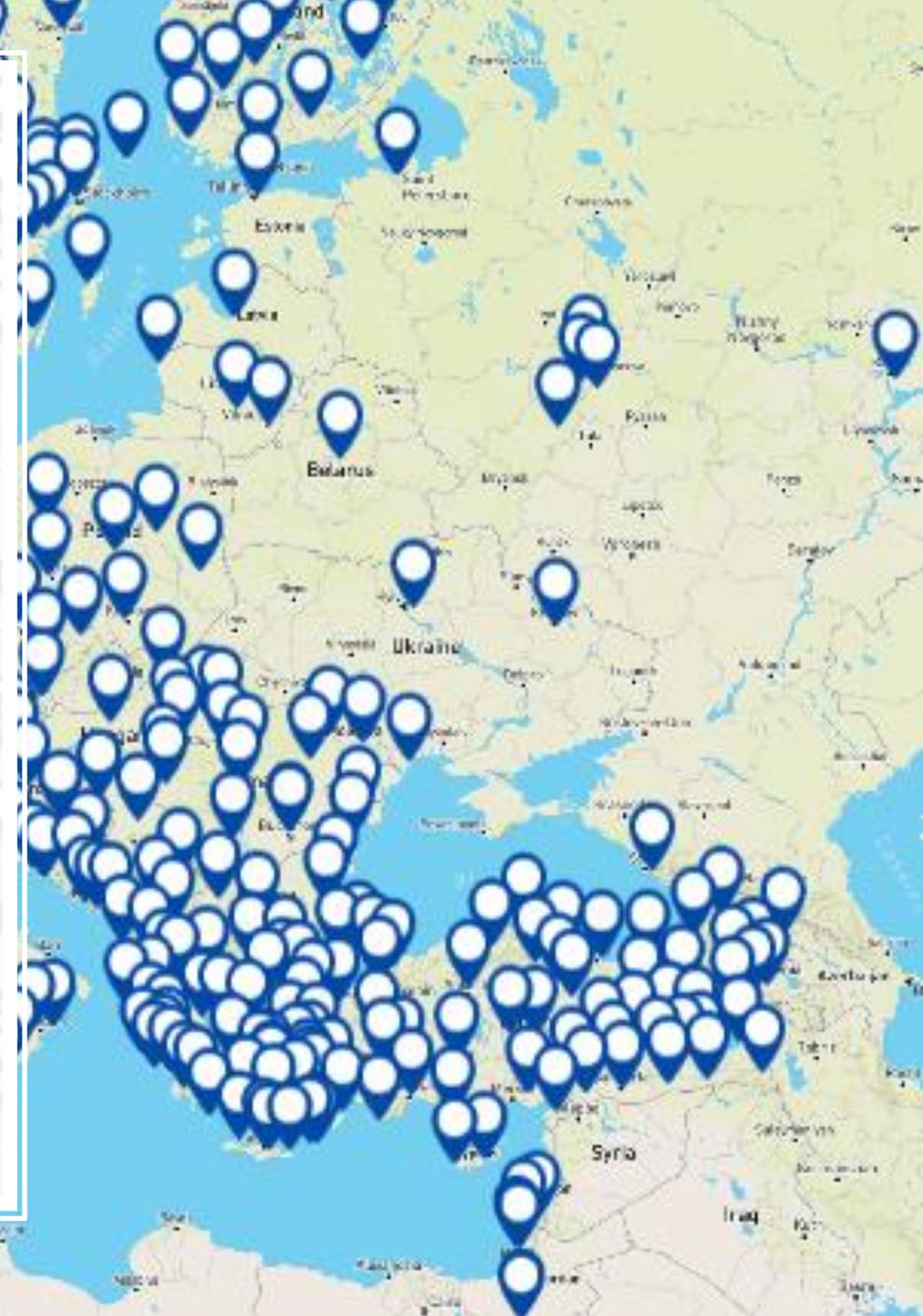
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ACI – Who we are

- *An Overview*

- ACI EUROPE is the voice of Europe's airports
 - We represent **over 500 airports in 46 European countries**
 - Our members facilitate **over 90% of commercial air traffic in Europe**: 2.5 billion passengers, 20.7 m tonnes of freight and 25.7 million aircraft movements in 2019.
 - In response to the Climate Emergency, our members committed to achieve **Net Zero carbon emissions for operations under their control by 2050**, without offsetting.
 - **Based in Brussels**, we lead and serve the European airport industry and maintain strong links with other ACI regions throughout the world.
 - We work closely with European institutions and aviation partners including EASA





-1.7 billion

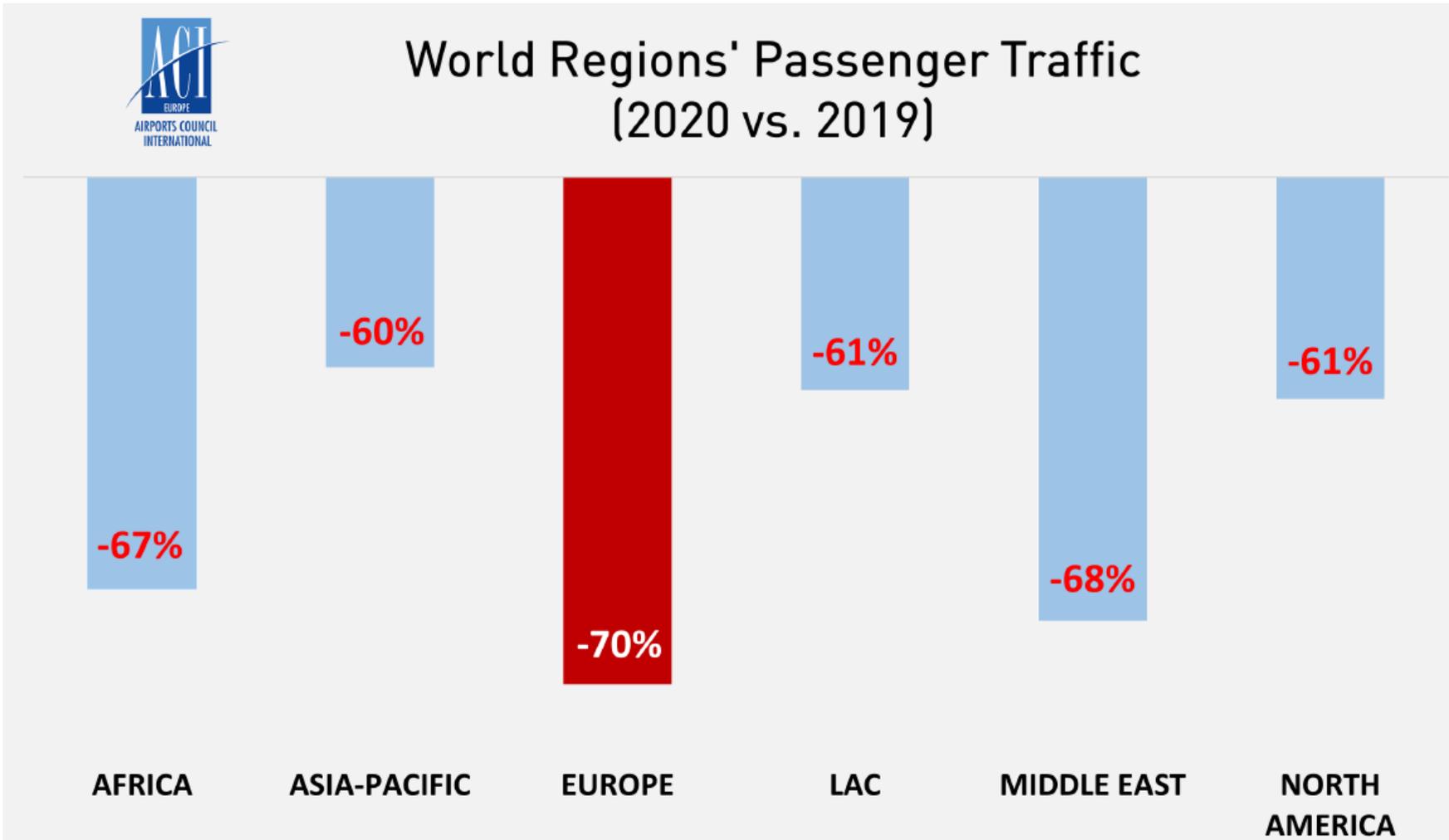
**passengers lost for European Airports
(YTD)**

As of 31 December 2020

**Historic shock
and
consequences
for the sector**



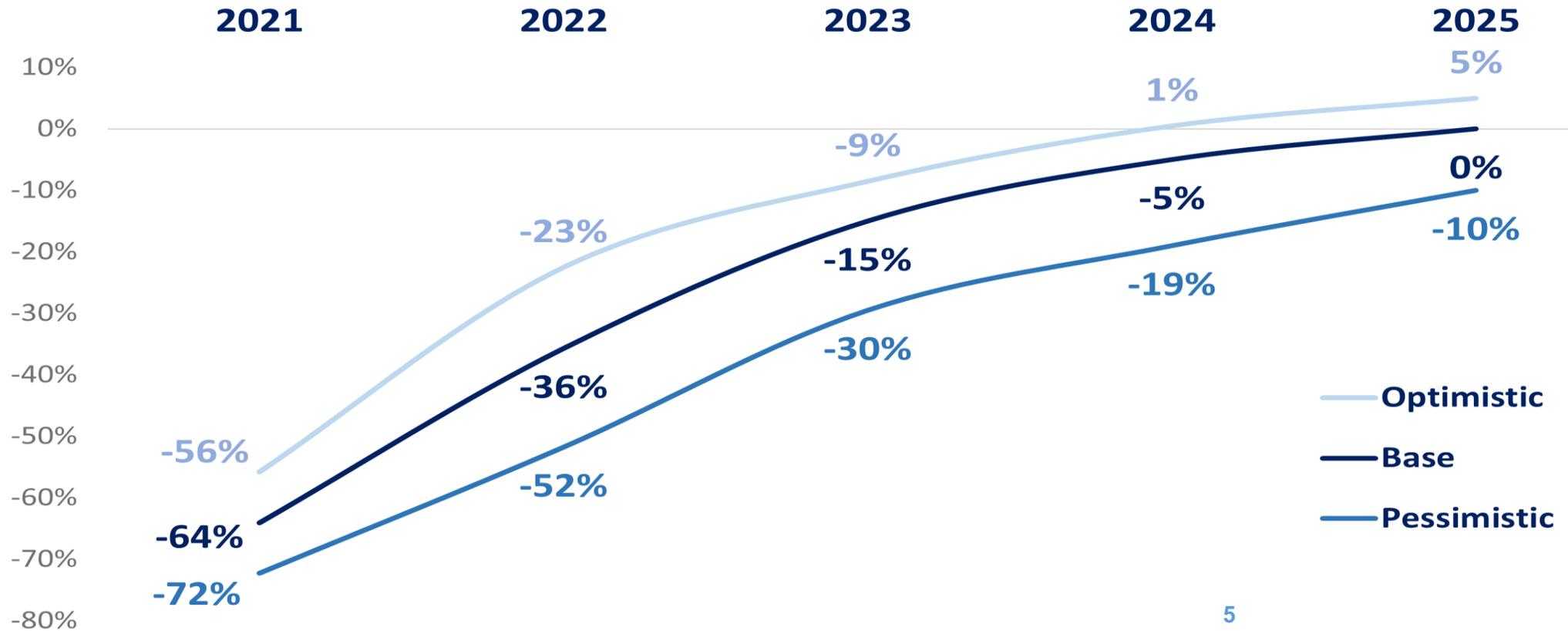
European passenger traffic suffered the largest decline



Full Recovery Not Before 2025



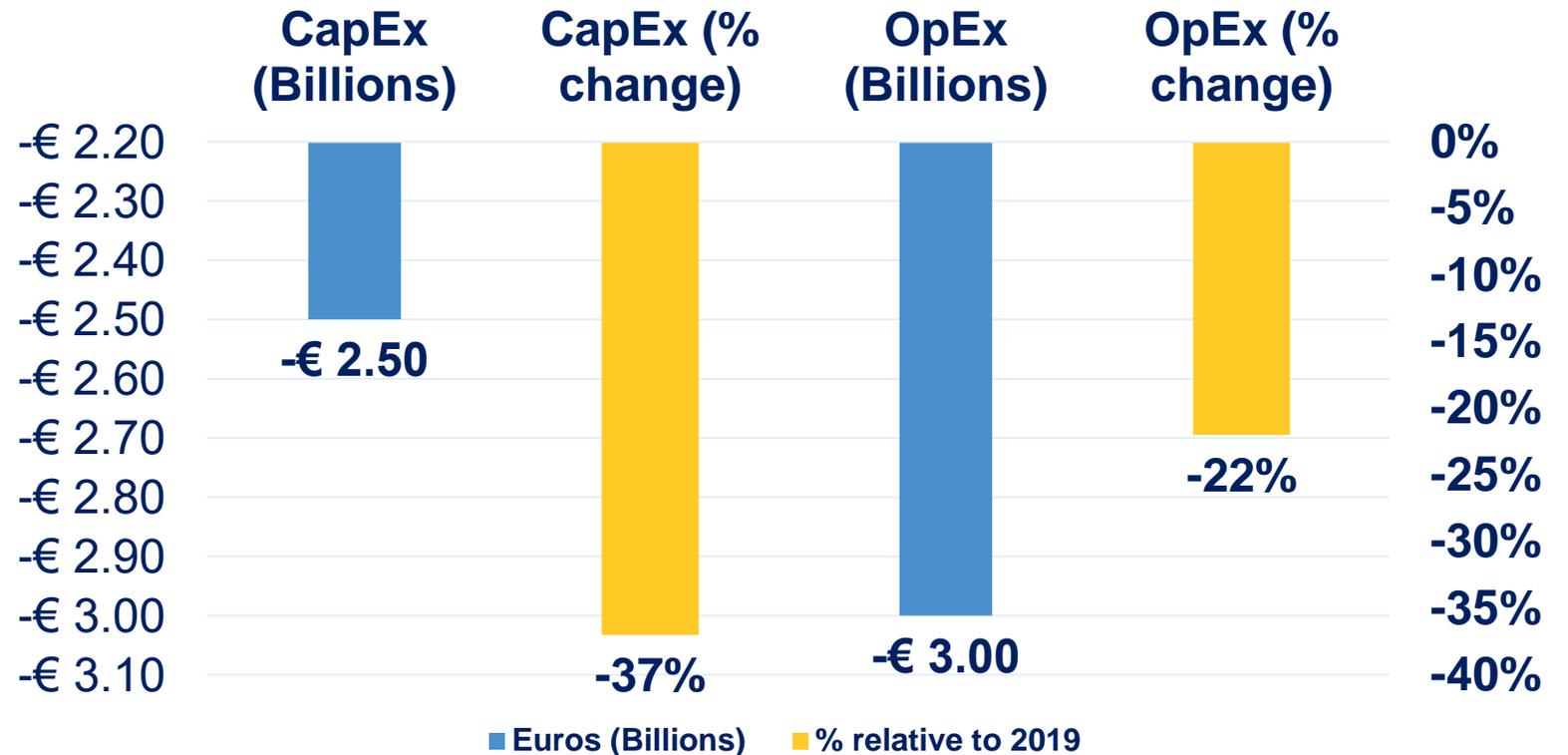
European Airport Passenger Traffic 5-year Forecast



Slashing costs to the bone and reducing investment

- Cancelling all **investment projects** where it is possible and makes sense
- **Cutting all avoidable costs**, especially using employee salary support schemes to manage labour costs
- Europe's Airports have taken on debt of **€20 bn** to finance current operations

Airports Reducing Investment and Cutting Costs



*estimates based on sample of airports through Q3

COVID-19 related Safety Issues:

Staff

- Furloughs
- Redundancies
- Wellbeing
- Motivation
- Org. restructuring

Financial Situation

- Losses with long term implications
- Staff levels will remain below 2019 levels
- Impact on training, safety, infrastructure projects

Skills

- *Atrophies* – lack of work practice
- *Loss* – experienced staff leave due to redundancy prog.

Infrastructure

- Taken out of service to save cost
- Maintenance

Communication Channels

- May have dried up due to changes in staff / furlough/redundancies

COVID-19 nth wave
- uncertainty, furloughs, financial losses ...

The “**Unkown Unkowns**”

New Challenges

- Digitisation
- Sustainability
- Automation
- New Regulations
- UAM





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ACI & Safety



- New Basic Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 Art. 34 Aerodrome Certification
- ACI technical bodies, e.g.
 - Technical, Operations and Safety Committee (TOSC)
- ACI publications on operations and safety
- Active participation in various advisory, rulemaking, consultation bodies at EASA, EC, ICAO etc.



ACI EUROPE Guidance Document
for Safety & Airside Operations