

Hot topic

Our latest *Future Airport* readers survey reveals that security technology and regulations to be the prime concern of 39% of respondents 39% for the year ahead. Finance was identified by 14% and the environment by 11%. Here are your comments on these issues.

Security: 39%

"There are drastic implications for planning layouts and costs."

"Air terminal safety simulations are the starting point for ground troubles at any airport."

"Most airports are using old-style full body check-ups. They need to adopt technology for body scans without any discomfort to the passenger."

"Terrorism: airports are prime targets for groups such as the Taliban."

"Air terrorism has taken over airport agendas globally over the past decade for obvious reasons, but it has also made life and travel difficult for ordinary civilians and frequent flyers. As security tightens, is it making life easier for normal airport users?"

"Future training for security officers should include new and improved technology for fighting terrorism."

"I expect security and service to operate in partnership. The best security should come with acceptable procedures."

"I'm a pilot and general contractor involved in several airport projects. Time after time I witness very disturbing gaps in security that could prove a huge threat to our national security efforts."

Finance: 14%

"For all Romanian airports, the issue is how to attract more air traffic and how to improve aviation and non-aviation revenues."

"When no money is available – either from governments to invest or from private investors – optimisation plans within airport resources and management is an exceptional opportunity at this crucial time for the airport industry."

"Airports have become extremely congested. Demand is rising (the global crisis inflicting only a minor and temporary setback) and capacity is falling. A proposed network optimisation approach would greatly improve air traffic network flow."

"A comprehensive list, from every medium and large-sized airport, of promising endeavours for generating non-aeronautical revenue could leverage global imagination and improve the health of the entire industry."

"How can airports continue to be financially viable given the required investments in infrastructure, security and amenities versus a very reluctant travelling public who do not want to pay for upgrades, and government authorities that are in many cases cash-strapped? The answer could lie in non-traditional revenue streams."

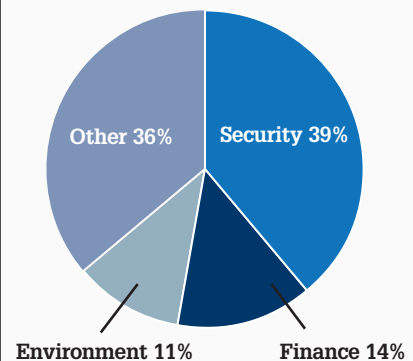
Environment: 11%

"CO₂, GPUs and APUs – our environment is being destroyed and we need to stop these emissions."

"The topic itself is crystal clear: minimise energy use, increase airport efficiency, and provide smooth and safe travelling experience for passengers and cargo."

"The trend for airport systems is to be 'green'. Hence, I believe that more companies will be showcasing implementation of systems that are environmentally friendly in nature. As it is, some companies are already rolling out their equipment and showing how green they are."

Aviation issues of concern



Other concerns included bird strikes, baggage handling procedures, denationalisation of airports, systems integration and non-aeronautical revenue.

Source: Future Airport Readers Survey 2010