

KLM and Hub Operations at Schiphol

Together, Air France and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines form the largest European airline group. Both airlines are developing their own activities from their respective hubs. KLM Royal Dutch Airlines operates 194 aircraft. Amsterdam Airport Schiphol is our hub and home base.

Did you know?

A hub is a transfer point where many smaller traffic flows (such as short and medium-haul flights) connect with long-haul flights to intercontinental destinations, and vice versa.

For traffic between Europe and Asia, 94% of the cities in the network have no direct connection with each other, because the traffic volume between each pair of cities is very limited.

What do we do?

The KLM Group has organized its network around its hub, Amsterdam Airport Schiphol.

KLM closely coordinates departures and arrivals, so that smaller flows of regional traffic connect with intercontinental flights. This ensures the most efficient air travel within the largest possible network.

What is the result?

This hub system ensures that airlines require fewer flights to transport the same number of passengers. Capacity is better utilized on long-haul flights. Higher load factors mean less environmental impact and reduced CO₂ emissions per passenger.

By coordinating our operations with those of Air France through its hub at Paris Charles de Gaulle, we ensure that our impact on climate change is limited even further.

