Since the beginning of 2020, a large number of countries across the globe shut down borders and limit domestic travel as a response to the COVID-19 outbreak. Thus, cancelling almost all flights to control the spread of the virus has affected the entire airline industry globally. While January 2020 and February 2020 recorded a minor decrease in the number of flights in the EUROCONTROL area* compared to 2019, a drastic fall in the number of flights in March 2020 (-41%) and April 2020 (-88.2%) was witnessed. A turning point seems to be reached during the month of April 2020. May shows a lower reduction in number of flights.

* EUROCONTROL area: EU-27, Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Israel, Monaco, North Moldova, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Morocco, Norway, Serbia, Switzerland, Turkey, UK, Ukraine