

Wroclaw, Poland

October 2008

21 October 2008 Niederrhein-Weeze EDLV

0213	Antonov 28TD	Polish AF
EI-DCJ	Boeing 737-800	Ryanair
EI-DWI	Boeing 737-800	Ryanair
N514MM	IAI 1125SPX	Wilmax International

In the morning of Tuesday 21 October I flew with EI-DCJ of Ryanair from Weeze to Wroclaw-Strachowice, Poland. Shortly before departure I was able to note two visitors at Weeze in rainy circumstances.

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016	C295M	Polish AF
0701, 0817	W-3WA Sokol	Polish AF
D-AEWE	BAe 146-200A	Eurowings
D-AVRD	BAe 146-RJ85	Lufthansa Regional
D-CCCA	Learjet 35A	Taunus Air
EI-DCJ	Boeing 737-800	Ryanair
EI-DYL	Boeing 737-800	Ryanair
HA-LPL	Airbus A320-200	Wizz Air
OE-FWH	Cessna 510	VIF Luftfahrt
OY-CIK	ATR 42-500	Cimber Air
SP-KPG	Saab 340A	Sprint Air
SP-LFA	ATR 72-200	Eurolot
SP-LFB	ATR 72-200	Eurolot
SP-LFH	ATR 72-200	Eurolot
SP-MRA	PZL M20-03 Mewa	Sky Taxi
SP-MRC	Saab 340A	Sky Taxi
SP-SUI	W-3AS Sokol	Heliseco
SP-SXB	Mil Mi 2	Polish Medical Air Rescue
SU-BPV	Airbus A320-200	Air Cairo

After one and a half our flight we arrived at a very sunny Wroclaw. In the afternoon I logged the above. The airport has one runway which is almost east-west. At the north side there are two aprons, of which one is visible from behind the fence. At the south side of the airport there used to be operational MiG-21s... Wroclaw nowadays only has a military part at the north side. A couple of Sokols are based here.

Photography is not easy from the outside. Near the apron you are facing the sun nearly all day. Taking photos in the approach (east side) is not great either, because the planes are rather high. Left of the terminal there is a parking lot with a good overview on the apron. With some difficulty you can photograph between the fences (no stairs needed). Inside the terminal there is some kind of roofed spectators terrace. OK for writing numbers, not so good for photography because of the glass, which is rather clean by the way.

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306	TS-11 Iskra	Polish AF
7101	MiG-21PFM	Polish AF

In the neighbourhood of the airport these two aircraft are preserved near a playground/park.

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8007	MiG-21MF	Polish AF	<i>preserved</i>
OY-CIL	ATR 42-500	Cimber Air	
SU-BPG	Boeing 737-800	AMC Airlines	

In the morning I took the bus to the airport again. The weather was worse than yesterday: the sky was grey and there was some light rain. The MiG-21 is preserved as a gate guard near the entrance of the military part of the airport. You can see it from outside, though you need permission to photograph it from the inside.

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D-ACLZ	CRJ 100LR	Lufthansa Regional
D-ACRG	CRJ 200LR	Eurowings
HA-LPN	Airbus A320-200	Wizz Air
SP-LDC	Embraer 170STD	LOT Polish Airlines

Today we had to fly back to Weeze, unfortunately again with EI-DCJ. We flew the route Wrocław-Berlin-Dortmund-Weeze. The weather was clear, so the view was magnificent. Unfortunately there were no visitors at the sunny Weeze. Before departure at Wrocław I noted the above aircraft.

With many thanks to Wrocław Spotters Piotr and Darek, Sir Marek Dziaduch and of course Ryanair for providing the cheap flight (return Weeze-Wrocław was 12 euro all in).

Note: the airport of Wrocław-Strachowice has developed significantly since my visit, so part of the text may be outdated.