



Labor Action



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Germany Tactical (UPDATE): Lufthansa pilot staff to strike nationwide from 00:01 to 23:59 (local time) on April 13-14; allot for disruptions

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Current Situation

- The Vereinigung Cockpit (VC) union, representing pilots working for Lufthansa Airlines, has called for a nationwide strike from 00:01 (local time) on April 13 to 23:59 on April 14.
- The union cites Lufthansa's lack of flexibility in negotiations, including the company's salary, pension plan, and Lufthansa Cargo division, following a majority vote in favor of strike actions.
- The 48-hour strike will impact Lufthansa Airlines and Lufthansa Cargo, while subsidiaries Lufthansa CityLine and Eurowings will only strike on April 13. The strike will affect all German airports.
- This follows nationwide strikes by unionized cabin crew working for Lufthansa Airlines on April 10, which caused major disruptions to flight operations.
- Further details related to Lufthansa flight schedules can be found [here](#).

Source: [Lufthansa](#)

Assessments & Forecast

1. Based on previous Lufthansa strikes, including on February 12 and March 10, the strike is likely to be widely adhered to.
2. Significant disruptions to Lufthansa's services, including short-notice flight delays, cancellations, and long waiting times, are expected at airports across the country, with the most severe impact concentrated at Lufthansa's primary hubs, Frankfurt (FRA) and Munich (MUC) airports, which are expected to face cancellation of up to 60 percent of departures. Meanwhile, additional airports, including Berlin (BER), Bremen (BRE), Cologne (CGN), Dusseldorf (DUS), Hamburg (HAM), Hanover (HAJ), and Stuttgart (STR), are also expected to experience flight disruptions, including cancellations, although the severity may be less than FRA and MUC.
3. Given the timing of the strike, residual disruptions are expected to persist into the early hours of April 15.
4. While no formal protest announcements have been made in connection with the April 13-14 strike, based on precedent, protests are liable to be held in the vicinity of the affected airports, especially in Berlin, Frankfurt, and Munich.

Recommendations

1. Those intending to travel with Lufthansa Airlines in, to, and from Germany on April 13-14 are advised to reconfirm itineraries and allot for travel disruptions due to the scheduled labor action.
2. Remain cognizant of airport updates and flight status before travel.