



## Runway Designator change 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024

At Cologne Bonn airport (EDDK), the designators of the parallel runways change by the deadline of April 18<sup>th</sup> 2024, due to motion of the earth's magnetic field. The runway designator of RWY 14L/32R then changes to 13L/31R and of RWY 14R/32L to 13R/31L.

As part of these changes, signs and markings have to be changed and redundant signs will be removed. The image below shows the positions with significant changes in markings and signs. This has an impact on air traffic and ground movement, because temporary closures of individual runways and taxiways are necessary so that the work can be carried out. This will take place until no later than the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

As a result, the runway designator signs and markings will gradually be converted to the current valid designation. This has the following impact:

1. All designator signs on the co-pilot side will be updated successively and covered until the entire taxiway section is modified. → Therefore, only the pilot side on the left hand will display the runway designator temporarily.
2. Starting from the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024, work on markings at taxiway intersections will start. Those taxiways will be closed for the duration of the work.
3. After the marking on a taxiway intersection has been updated, the new designators will be displayed on both signs on the sides of the respective taxiway as well as on the marking. → Modified taxiway intersections will display the updated designators before the official change of the runway designators on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

All relevant information has been forwarded to the AIP portal and will be published in the next publishing cycle.

**Attention!** To ensure a safe operation on the aprons and taxiways, it is of utmost importance to establish proper communication and, in case of uncertainties, to follow the correct read-back procedure with ATC and/or Apron Control.

