



## Wingly raises 2m€ to get you in the air

London, Paris, Berlin – 05/03/2018 - **The flight sharing platform [Wingly](#) announces a successful seed fundraising of 2 million euros** to strengthen its leader position on the European market and expand in new countries. Only 8 months after receiving its certification to operate all over Europe, well known angel investors such as Philipp Rösler (former vice chancellor of Germany and private pilot) or Stephane Mayer (former CEO of Daher Socata & ATR, private pilot and board member of the AOPA) invested in this round alongside the VC fund Howzat Partners.

*"My investment in Wingly came from the conviction that Wingly will inspire many people," says investor Philipp Rösler because "flight sharing combines the fascination of flying with the pragmatic approach of the sharing economy."*

With the fresh capital the company shall double its size and grow to a team of around 30 people to scale and develop its technology to new markets. Nearly a dozen job positions are [currently open](#), e.g. web developers and content managers, to help speed up the development of Wingly.

*"Our growing community clearly confirms the trend. With fresh capital, we can now further accelerate our concept and boost general aviation in Europe", says co-founder Emeric de Waziers "On the long term, flight sharing won't only help increasing the flight hours but also spark interest in aviation to the wider public so that the number of pilots in Europe will rise even further. Flying is the oldest dream of mankind, we shouldn't forget that."*

The success of Wingly is visible: active in 3 markets (England, France & Germany), the platform already hosts more than 150 000 users, including 10,000 pilots who have saved more than 500 000 € of costs by sharing their flights. More than 60,000 flights are currently available to be booked. Besides that, Wingly was able to establish a unified and clear European regulation with the European Agency for Aviation Safety (EASA). Together with Allianz Global Corporate & Speciality, the platform also offers a complimentary, additional insurance to every Wingly flight on small planes.

### **About Wingly**

Wingly connects private pilots and passengers. Pilots post online routes they would like to fly on and when; indicating their number of free seats and passengers can simply book their flight. A few months after the launch in France and Germany & the UK, Wingly has received more than 10,000 bookings and 100% of happy flyers. The concept behind Wingly is similar to carpooling but aiming more towards leisure than transportation. That is why the majority of flights are sightseeing flights to discover the wonderful landscape from above. Wingly wants to get people enthusiastic about light aviation again. [Just click and fly.](#)

**Example of flights :**

Sightseeing flight over London:

<https://www.wingly.io/index.php?page=flights&flight=401225>

Sightseeing flight over York:

<https://www.wingly.io/index.php?page=flights&flight=322827>

Daytrip to Le Touquet from London:

<https://fr.wingly.io/index.php?page=flights&flight=400074>

Daytrip to Cambridge from Birmingham:

<https://www.wingly.io/index.php?page=flights&flight=371216>

**About HOWZAT Partners**

HOWZAT Partners is a London and Luxembourg based Venture Capital Investor with an international portfolio. Founded in 2006, the fund focuses on investments in digital start-up companies between the early Seed to Series A phase. For further information on the fund, its managers and a current list of investments please refer to <http://www.howzatpartners.com/>.

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