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Press Release

The Aïcha des Gazelles Rally:

14 women from the Aéroports de Paris Corporate Foundation and Transavia rally in support of children undergoing treatment at Villejuif hospital

On 17 March, 7 teams from the Paris airports will set out from Paris-Orly Airport in their four-wheel drives to take part in the Aïcha des Gazelles Rally from 18 March to 2 April. The teams, who are supporting the *Association Louis Carlesimo*, will be joined by 10 children undergoing treatment at the Gustave Roussy hospital in Villejuif. These children, who are sponsored by the *Association Louis Carlesimo*, will be invited to take part and follow the adventure.

The Aïcha des Gazelles Rally was started in 1990 and is the only all-female international cross-country rally. Each year, nearly 160 teams comprising 320 participants and 33 different nationalities travel to the Moroccan desert to take part in an orienteering race based on endurance, mutual support and respect for the environment. At the finishing line, the "gazelles" are not judged on the time taken to complete the course but on the number of kilometres covered and their CO² emissions.



A charitable adventure

For the 26th edition of the rally, 14 women working at Paris-Charles de Gaulle and Paris-Orly airports will take part in the 2-week adventure. *Les Gaz'ailes adépiennes*, one of the teams made up of Aéroports de Paris employees, are sponsored by the Aéroports de Paris Corporate Foundation with a further three teams of Transavia employees sponsored by their airline. All of the teams are taking part to raise money for a charity.



Les Gaz'ailes adépiennes, sponsored by the Aéroports de Paris Corporate Foundation

Sandrine Leroy Chevallier and Angélique Josse, occupational safety officers at Aéroports de Paris, will be competing on behalf of two charities supported by the Aéroports de Paris Corporate Foundation: the Moroccan charity *En route pour l'école*, which works to provide young Moroccan girls with an education; and the *Association Louis Carlesimo*, which offers sick children the opportunity to make their dreams come true and provides moments of escapism.

"The opportunity to support two employees in this sporting challenge, which is both demanding and for a good cause, is the chance for us to put into practice the values that we embody as a company, namely trust, courage, commitment and openness. This will also enable employees to get involved in the charitable projects that the Corporate Foundation supports, such as building a girls boarding school in Asni that will offer 40 young teenagers in the High Atlas the chance to receive a secondary school education to which they would not otherwise have had access," explains **Laure Kermen-Lecuir**, General Representative of the Aéroports de Paris Corporate Foundation.

At the end of the rally the *Gaz'ailes adépiennes* will travel to Asni, where they will meet girls from the boarding school and present them with the books that they collected whilst preparing for the rally.

Transavia is more committed than ever for this 26th Aïcha des Gazelles Rally

In 2016, seven employees of the low-cost airline Transavia, a subsidiary of Air France-KLM Group, will represent the company at the legendary, all-female rally. This is a great opportunity for all our employees to unite behind a set of shared values.

The Transavia teams will be pushing their limits:

- **Les hôtesses du désert**

Isabelle, 27 years old, and Stéphanie, 32 years old, are both mums and have both been pursers at Transavia for 8 years. They share a love of travel and adventure and they are proud to be supporting *Aviation sans frontière*.

- **Elles desAirs**

Tania and Sonia are both 40 years old and work as pursers for Transavia. One is renowned for her legendary cheerfulness and the other for her excitable nature. They are taking up this challenge with an open mind, healthy body and generous heart in order to support the charity *Coeur de Gazelles!*

- **Objectif Gazelles**

Diane, 34 years old, is a young mum, full of energy. Laëtitia, 24 years old, is involved in charity work and always gives 100% in everything she does. This is the first time that they are taking part in this unforgettable adventure and they are competing on behalf of *Association Louis Carlesimo*.

Children from the Villejuif hospital go rallying

To mark the teams' departure, the *Association Louis Carlesimo*, supported by the different teams, will offer 10 children undergoing treatment at the Villejuif hospital the chance to ride on board the 4x4s with the teams, as they make their way from the hospital to Orly Airport for a "rally" at the airport. This excursion will enable the children to experience the start of the adventure with the teams and then follow the rest of the rally from the hospital. The children will also get to meet the teams and take part in workshops prior to the rally. The children will meet the teams at the finishing line in Essaouira, on 2 April.



Keep up-to-date with the news from the teams:

<http://www.aeroportsdeparis.fr/groupe/rse/fondation/nous-connaître/actualités-fondation/rallye-aïcha-des-gazelles-l'actu-par-étapes>

About Transavia:

Transavia, a low-cost airline and part of Air France-KLM group, offers regular medium-haul and charter flights at very competitive prices from France, the Netherlands and Germany. Departing from Paris Orly, Nantes, Lyon, Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Eindhoven, Groningen and Munich, Transavia offers flights to 160 destinations across Europe and the Mediterranean Basin, including London, Edinburgh, Barcelona, Lisbon, Madrid, Dublin, Naples and Budapest.

About Aéroports de Paris:

Aéroports de Paris builds, develops and manages airports, including Paris-Charles de Gaulle, Paris-Orly and Paris-Le Bourget. In 2015, Aéroports de Paris handled more than 95 million passengers and 2.2 million metric tonnes of freight and mail at Paris-Charles de Gaulle and Paris-Orly, and more than 55 million passengers in airports abroad. Boasting an exceptional geographic location and a major catchment area, the Group is pursuing its strategy of adapting and modernising its terminal facilities and upgrading quality of services; the Group also intends to develop its retail and real estate businesses. In 2015, Group revenue stood at €2,916 million and net income at €430 million.