

## **“The luck favors the audacious ones”**

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The last Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup> 2009, the MTEE students from the University of the Balearic Islands, visited the Binissalem aerodrome “Jim Ooliver”, the Son Bonet Aerodrome and the Son Sant Joan Airport, motivated by the Transport Economics subject given by the professor Francisco José Maturana Bis. The visit was guided and attended in a very kindly and gentle way by the airport tower controller Mr. Gabriel Gomila, who is in charge of the AENA program “Aviación en las aulas”.



Among several interesting technical things and general information aspects learned thanks to the visit, the most important one is the one I try to share next.

Flying it is said to be the safest way to travel. This might sound crazy, but if we analyse it deeply, it has too much sense. The fact that the sky is so huge, and there is nothing except clouds and air, makes us suppose that there is nothing against to crash with.

The Aviation Infrastructure and Equipment of the most developed countries (Europe) represents not only the amazing results from research and development obtained in this field, but also the importance they have into the Tourism sector.

As we know, Infrastructure is a definitive powerful tool that not only

helps to develop the Tourism economy, but also other economies that work connected between them, reinforcing the economic growth and development of the regional economy.

Evidently, Mallorca is a highly demanded touristic place, especially for Germans and British people. Very probably, the Tourism sector development that nowadays Mallorca has achieved has much to do with the quality service that its transport and communications infrastructure offers to its market.

While Mallorca has the specific characteristic of being an island, the air transport for long distances is actually the unique alternative for bringing tourists from its main market.

It seems to be that Mallorca knows and recognize the importance that communication and transport infrastructure have into the Tourism sector, as she has chosen Tourism as strategy for economic growth and development. It is a clear example why the different governmental policies must be seeking for the same objectives.

While in Mexico, government is focused fighting against criminals, where they are even inside the same government, communications and transport infrastructure are not considered, until political and public security is first achieved. Latin America has much to learn, not only from successful examples from Europe, but also strongly from its own mistakes. Corruption, crime, illiteracy, and deficient health service assistance, seem not to decrease. It is always heard: “There are not enough resources to build airports, to improve highways, to build schools and hospitals”, while the president, the governors, secretaries, advisors, directors, etc. drive Mercedes, BMW, Audi. Latin America needs to be audacious, not

waiting for luck, instead being  
protagonist instead of spectator.