

Milan Bergamo Airport sees the activation of the first 6 e-gates reserved for EU passengers with electronic passports arriving on flights from non-Schengen countries

Milan Bergamo Airport has opened the first six e-gates, the passenger passport and identification electronic control gates positioned in the non-Schengen arrivals area and aimed at facilitating the flow of incoming passengers.

The e-gates provide an automated border control system for passengers with electronic passports and citizenship in one of the countries of the European Union, European Economic Area or Switzerland, and who are of more than 14 years of age. On disembarking and arriving in the non-Schengen arrivals area, passengers go to one of the six gates and position their passport on the dedicated reader, which checks their biometric data. Following the initial control, which takes just a few seconds, they are granted access through the turnstiles for a check of their facial data before being allowed to enter the Schengen area. A fast and secure procedure that reduces waiting times to a minimum and facilitates the processing of arriving passengers.

The first passenger to use the e-gates was a French citizen arriving from Istanbul with a Pegasus Airlines flight at 3 p.m.

"This is a further addition to the services provided for passengers and aimed at facilitating security procedures" - stated Emilio Bellingardi, Managing Director of SACBO. "The e-gate system, run in collaboration with the Orio al Serio border police, who we thank for their efficient daily assistance, allows us to reduce queues at passport control for the ever-increasing number of passengers arriving from non-Schengen countries. The completion of the works currently under way in the eastern area of the airport will, by spring of 2020, allow us to widen the non-Schengen area and strengthen the automated control network for arrivals".

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