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### NEW ORIO AL SERIO AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The new Airport Development Plan for Bergamo Orio al Serio Airport was recently presented and assessed at the ENAC (Italian Civil Aviation Authority) Airport Infrastructure Central Office in Rome during a meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016, which was attended by SACBO along with representatives from the Province of Bergamo and the Municipalities within the Airport Commission. ENAC invited the airport management company to illustrate the hypotheses put forward in the ADP proposal and, for the very first time in Italy, adopted an inclusive approach to local companies with interests in the scenario to emerge from future proposals for the airport, depending on the number of EU and international participatory processes connected to the strategic interventions on flight and service infrastructure.

The scenario currently being examined and analysed appears in line with indications from the National Airports Plan, both in terms of numbers and strategy. In particular, the plan hypothesises the modular development of passenger transit and a simultaneous reduction in pollution, equal or inferior to that produced today, with particular emphasis on acoustic and environmental impact. SACBO will take into due account the nocturnal courier traffic for total air transit estimated to be just below 100,000 in 2030. An important point emphasised by SACBO is the identification of all possible solutions to make the proposed development compatible with the local area and guarantee external effects with low environmental impact to tackle the aeronautical observations to be formulated during assessment.

To this end, presentation of the new Airport Development Plan by Bergamo Orio al Serio has given Local Administrators a chance to acquire useful information for the assessment of the planned work with an eye to local sustainability and benefits from a socioeconomic, logistic and employment perspective.

The meeting held in Rome is the first step in the proceedings for approval of the new Airport Development Plan, which will be aiming at correct and sustainable plans for the work in order to consolidate Bergamo Orio al Serio Airport's role as third most important national airport in terms of number of passengers. Finally, in keeping with the provisions of the Core Ten-T Strategic Plan, the intention to equip Bergamo Orio al Serio Airport with a rail connection was reiterated.

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