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### **BERGAMO AIRPORT ACHIEVES HIGHEST EVER RECORD IN 2015**

Bergamo Airport has just completed its best every year since 2001 in terms of operational and economic progress, definitively confirming its position as the third largest national airport after Italy's main hubs of Fiumicino and Malpensa. The final balance for 2015 was closed with a total of 10,404,625 passengers, an increase of 18.6% compared to the previous year, although all aeronautical activity was completely shut down for a few days in 2014 in order to complete resurfacing of the runway and modernisation of flight infrastructure. But even taking into account the addition of a virtual number of passengers transferred to another airport, it remains a percentile increase in the double figures, corresponding to over a million more passengers.

These numbers support the programmatic decisions made by SACBO, which focused on the development and upgrading of infrastructure with the aim of supporting potential new traffic and guaranteeing high quality services for all users including passengers, airlines and anybody working inside and outside of the airport and the surrounding area. These achievements are also thanks to the tireless professional commitment of the whole team which, despite the difficult context of the air transport system, managed to obtain truly important results.

The new departures terminal and corresponding arrivals area have been operative since May 2015 along with a new entrance and aircraft stands. The increase in passengers has been handled by scheduled flights with above-average load factors that have balanced out the decline recorded in the charter sector, influenced by a reduction in flights to high-risk areas.

Bergamo Airport has proven its leading strategic role in air freight handled by courier airlines that always carry over 120,000 tonnes a year.

In keeping with this overall positive trend, a total of 76,078 aircraft movements were recorded, of which 74,446 were commercial flights. The number of flights, relative to the distribution of traffic between the two take-off directions, is mostly in line with the figures for the last 15 years.

It is in this context that SACBO has begun proceedings for its new Airport Development Plan, with the presentation of the Master Plan currently being edited at the ENAC (Italian Civil Aviation Authority) headquarters as part of the new participatory process aimed at involving local companies with interests in the area. The ADP proposal for 2030 focuses on development tailored to the passenger component, along with the progressive decrease in acoustic and atmospheric impact and a new airport rail connection

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