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RECOMMENCEMENT OF SCHEDULED FLIGHTS AT MILAN BERGAMO AIRPORT

Today, Monday 18 May, Milan Bergamo Airport, which remained open and operational during phase 1 on the Covid-19 emergency, saw the arrival of the first scheduled flight following the issuing of the decree for the reopening of the airport for passenger traffic on 5 May.

At 6:51 a.m., Wizz Air flight W6 4351 from Sofia landed with 113 passengers on board, the first to pass through the airport since 13 March, together with the 81 who departed from Bergamo on the same aircraft, taking off towards the Bulgarian capital at 7:50 a.m. (flight W6 4352).

Passenger and aircraft assistance was carried out by personnel from the company AGS Handling, who were able, with reassurance provided by protective equipment in the fixed assistance stations in the check-in and boarding gate areas, to apply the procedures set out by the airport management company SACBO in compliance with the provisions of the regulations and guidelines set out by the Italian Civil Aviation Authority.

Furthermore, this occasion saw the successful testing of the routes to separate the movement of departing and arriving passengers, the control measures (body temperature measurement, the use of masks and the possession of tickets) carried out at the one entrance to the airport and the observance of social distancing in all situations of queuing including security controls, seating areas in the departure lounge and in the shops open in the terminal.

The passengers who arrived on the Wizz Air flight from Sofia were subjected to thermal scanning, as required for all those passing through the arrivals area of the airport.

"I consider it to be a good sign that the first passengers arrived on a European flight. Our airport was as ready as ever to welcome incoming passengers and assist those in departure, testing a new situation that proved to function well - stated Giovanni Sanga, president of SACBO. - I feel that, with the assurance of an improving health situation, Milan Bergamo airport can return to fulfilling the strategic role it plays in mobility for the territory".

"We have been waiting for this moment, scrupulously adapting to the measures introduced for health protection, and doing our utmost to ensure that they are correctly applied, in order that passengers and airlines, and more generally all the users of the airport, are guaranteed safety and the accurate provision of services - stressed Emilio Bellingardi, managing director of SACBO. - The collaboration between the company BIS from the SACBO Group and AGS Handling, which provided assistance to the first scheduled flight of this new phase, allows us to look to the future with confidence, and to the gradual recovery of passenger traffic".

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