

## **MILAN BERGAMO AIRPORT CELEBRATES ITS ELEVEN MILLIONTH PASSENGER IN 2016**

Today, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2016, the Milan Bergamo Airport reached 11 million passengers in transit in one year, the highest amount in its history. This strengthens its third place in the ranking of Italian airports, after Rome Fiumicino and Milan Malpensa. In 2015 the Milan Bergamo Airport recorded 10.4 million passengers.

The new record was celebrated in the airport's check-in area with an award being given to a passenger departing for Moscow on the flight operated by Pobeda Airlines. Emilio Bellingardi, SACBO managing director, and Giacomo Cattaneo, the airport's aviation director, were present at the ceremony.

The year 2016 is set to end with a final count of nearly 11.1 million passengers, which means an increase of 6.9% compared to 2015. This represents the highest growth trend nationally.

This result was reached just a few days after SACBO received from ENAC the new version of its Airport Certification, referred to European Regulation n. 139 of 2014 and which certifies the presence of the requirements stipulated by the new European Model. This certification was obtained by the Milan Bergamo airport after Rome Fiumicino and at the same time as the Venice Airport.

This new historic high of passenger movement at the Milan Bergamo airport goes together with the yearly air cargo figures. These figures are further supported by the growth in e-commerce, and their amount reached 117 thousand tonnes, even after accounting for the 4.9% decrease in air cargo movements (corresponding to 440 fewer flights operated over the course of the year).

In 2017, 114 destinations are scheduled to be served by the Milan Bergamo Airport, while the working budget estimates an increase in turnover of around 9% compared to 2016, for a total turnover of over 135 million, and a gross operating profit margin of over 30 million. Furthermore, there are nearly 25 million euro in investment forecast, of which 5 million are destined for flight infrastructure and 6.4 million for completing the P3 car park, whose capacity will increase from 3,000 to 5,000 parking spaces.

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