

## COMUNICATO STAMPA

### AIRPORT AND RAIL CONNECTIONS AT THE IARO WORKSHOP

On Tuesday 26 September, Milan Bergamo Airport hosted the 14th workshop for the IARO (International Air Rail Organisation), an international organisation dedicated to the promotion of rail connections with airports, which saw discussions between experts on the methods of connecting airports to rail networks.

The Bergamo Workshop, which followed a visit to Malpensa Airport on Monday 25 to see the new railway station at terminal 2, as well as to Milan Central Station, saw the participation of figures from the academic world, specialised in Air Transport Management and rail access; the airport world, represented by IATA and the airports of Manchester, Frankfurt, SEA for Linate and Malpensa, Genoa, and SACBO for Bergamo; representatives of rail service operators and industries (RFI FerrovieNord, Heathrow Express, Flytoget Oslo, Rhonexpress Lyon).

The work focused in particular on the situation of Bergamo and, specifically, on the project to connect the airport with the rail network. To this end, a presentation was made of the plans for rail connections with Bergamo Airport (with the collaboration of the Lombardy Region), of the plans for infrastructure (presented by Oneworks, SACBO and RFI), and the analysis of demand correlated to the current state and future prospects for Bergamo Airport (presented by ICCSAI, the University of Bergamo and SACBO).

Lastly, the workshop offered an opportunity to compare current situations, through the analysis of airport infrastructures with characteristics similar to those of Bergamo in terms of passenger volume and territorial context, in order to identify elements for the optimisation of the development process for the rail connection.

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