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## MILAN BERGAMO AIRPORT HANDLES MORE THAN 50 THOUSAND PASSENGERS IN A SINGLE DAY

### ON 30 APRIL, ON THE OCCASION OF THE INAUGURAL FLIGHT OPERATED BY NORWEGIAN AIRLINES

*On Sunday 30 April, Milan Bergamo Airport exceeded the landmark total of 50 thousand passengers in transit in one day for the first time ever. A new milestone, in line with the ongoing trend of recovery in air traffic that has been seen over the last year, which was passed on a day characterised by a similarly high level of regularity and punctuality. Giovanni Sanga, president of SACBO, commented on this historic day that closed an excellent April, which proved to be the best ever from an operational point of view.*

A total of 50,242 inbound and outbound passengers, resulting from a significantly increased load factor in relation to the same number of scheduled flights. April came to an end with an overall total of 1,363,200 passengers (+17.2% over April 2019 and more than 250 thousand more than twelve months ago) and a daily average of 45,440.

*“The capacity to handle such a significant flow of passengers is a result of the increase in infrastructural and operational space obtained through a programme of works that SACBO has carried forward, even during the pandemic emergency period, as well as of the bolstering of airport services with a view to guaranteeing a level of support in line with this growth - stressed Giovanni Sanga - We have been working incessantly, promptly implementing the works set out in the Airport Development Programme with the aim of rendering the overall airport infrastructure ever more modern and welcoming in response to passenger demands. We have resolved to allocate 40 million euros for further expansion works involving the eastern area of the terminal, creating new check-in and security control areas, with the adoption of advanced X-ray machines that avoid the need for passengers to remove liquids and electronic items from their hand luggage. At the same time, works have begun for the construction of a tunnel connecting the western side of the terminal with the future railway terminal, which is due to be completed in 2026, the same year as the Milan Cortina Winter Olympics”.*

The milestone of 50 thousand passengers in one day was also reached thanks to the arrival in the evening of Sunday 30 April of the inaugural flight from Bergen operated by Norwegian Airlines, which is now flying to and from Milan Bergamo Airport. The 737-800 belonging to the Scandinavian airline landed at 8.25 p.m. and was welcomed with the traditional salute performed by the Orio al Serio Fire Brigade.

This was a fitting greeting for Norwegian Airlines, which has become the 21st airline to join the Milan Bergamo network. The route to and from Bergen, which is scheduled twice-weekly **until the 29th**, will be followed by the Oslo Gardermoen route, opening on 20 June, again twice-weekly until the end of the summer timetable period.

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