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MILAN BERGAMO AIRPORT INAUGURATES THE NEW NORTH TAXIWAY

The president of SACBO, Giovanni Sanga, has cut the ribbon for the new taxiway B, which has been built in the northern area of Bergamo airport thanks to an investment of approximately EUR 35 million, including important ancillary works that, together, contribute to improving efficiency and operational flexibility, cutting aircraft waiting times and significantly reducing CO2 emissions on the ground.

The new taxiway is the result of an extension to the existing taxiway in the northern area of the airport, parallel to the runway, extending the length by approximately 1,600 metres and allowing aircraft parked on the northern apron to reach the take-off point at runway heading 28 (east) via two new junctions. This procedure guarantees an annual saving of 270 hours of taxiing time and a reduction of around one thousand tons of CO2 and will have a positive effect on the punctuality of both flight arrivals and departures.

The works to construct the new taxiway B, which were carried out by a temporary association of businesses headed by Artifoni, together with the adaptation and improvement of the northern apron and the creation of an apron dedicated to engine testing for aircraft up to class E (widebody), complete with a windbreak barrier, have also seen a series of innovations and improvements to systems and assistance networks for ground operations, all equipped with LED illumination systems. A low-voltage electricity network system has been set up on the taxiway, the first ever seen at an Italian airport, which allows for over 80% savings in consumption compared to a standard system, and that also offers increased safety for maintenance works, given the extremely low voltages involved.

All the works have been carried out in collaboration with ENAV, the Air Navigation Service Provider, in order to optimise operational management of the airport. It should also be remembered that in 2020, Milan Bergamo Airport adopted Airport Collaborative Decision Making (A-CDM), an operational procedure aimed at improving the management of air traffic through increases in efficiency of traffic flow and airport capacity management, reducing delays, improving event forecasting and optimising the use of resources.

“This new operation, which brings improvements to both infrastructure and operations, is a demonstration of how the development of the airport is, as always, focused on sustainability, which is achieved through the application of innovative tools and solutions that improve efficiency for the benefit of the environment and the surrounding area”, stressed Giovanni Sanga, President of SACBO. “The criteria adopted in the planning and construction of the new taxiway in the northern area of the airport respond to the most advanced technical standards, generating further increases in quality in terms of management. This is the philosophy of SACBO, and it is reflected in the short-, medium- and long-term vision, with the airport playing a central role in mobility to and from other countries, multimodality with regard to the network of local, inter-provincial and inter-regional connections, and as a driver for internationalisation and increasingly solid economic, professional and cultural exchange”.

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The logo for Milan Bergamo Airport, featuring the text "MILAN BERGAMO AIRPORT" in a smaller font and "BGY" in a larger, bold font, both in white on a dark blue background.

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