

Upcoming opening of new arrivals hall and departures lounge

The new arrivals hall at Naples International Airport will be inaugurated tomorrow. The recently renovated 1,023 m² infrastructure is an extension of the former area which only covered a surface area of 627 m².

The overall cost of the work, which was completed in slightly less than a year, was 3.8 billion Italian Lire.

The renovated area offers increased comforts for those waiting for arriving relatives, friends and tourists and offers all the services typically required by arriving passengers such as: car rentals, local information for tourists, hotel reservations and a refreshment area.

The opening of the new departures lounge, which has been expanded an additional 450 m² is also imminent. The new extension brings the total surface area to 3000 m² and will host 4 new gates as well as an additional 250 seats. The enhancement of the departures area entails an overall expenditure of 12 billion Italian lire, four of which were spent for the initial 450 m² extension. During the course of 2002, the departures area will be extended for an additional 1,050 m² for a further cost of 8 billion lire

Arrivals Area (m²)	2000	2001	2002
	627	1,650	1,650
Departures Area (m²)	2000	2001	2002
	3,000	3,450	4,500

The expansion of the airport terminal is part of the Master Plan, a twenty-year development plan drawn up by Gesac and BAA in 1995, which calls for 240 billion in investments until 2015.

The infrastructure work carried out since 1995 has focused on three major areas: passenger terminals, runway aprons and airport infrastructure for an expenditure of over 100 billion Lire. Specifically, work has centred upon the introduction of Terminal 2 for charter flight passengers and significant increases in the number of available parking spaces and check-in counters. Terminal services have also been improved with the addition of new shops, VIP lounges and exchange bureaux.

Naples International Airport, which closed the year 2000 with over 4 million passengers, has recorded 2,377,046 passengers during the period from January to the end of July, 427,198 of which during the month of July. There has been significant growth in international traffic with an increase of +28.8% since the beginning of the year (471,773 passengers) and +19.1% during the month of July (83,214).