

Gesac has been excluded from the authorisation procedures for total management initiated by ENAC (National Civil Aviation Agency) which were, instead, granted to the eleven airports of Ancona, Bologna, Brescia, Florence, Lamezia Terme, Palermo, Perugia, Pescara, Pisa, Reggio Emilia and Verona in addition to the eight previously authorised airports of Rome-Fiumicino, Rome-Ciampino, Milan-Malpensa, Milan-Linate, Bergamo, Venice, Turin and Genoa.

This procedure, a clear violation of the principles of non-discrimination and transparency, was previously denounced by Gesac last July when the procedures for the nine airports of Ancona, Bari, Bologna, Reggio Emilia, Pisa, Verona, Brescia, Perugia and Pescara were initiated.

The motivations cited by ENAC in support of the measure can be attributed to "the priority of regulating airport operations with respect to safety (...) although there is no well-defined administrative bureaucracy". The Agency, however, did not give any explanation as to the criteria utilised in the airport selection process nor as to the implementation procedures for the entire process.

While in total agreement with ENAC's prioritisation of safety, Gesac nonetheless believes that the measures adopted by the Agency will produce exactly the opposite results and serve only to further complicate the situation without clarifying the designation of the various competencies, roles and responsibilities of the involved parties.

Gesac reiterates that it is fully qualified to be granted authorisation for total management of the Naples Airport and, furthermore, since day one of privatisation with a corporate mission focused on full compliance with international safety standards, the airport operator has continuously demonstrated managerial efficiency and a clear capacity to improve both the Naples airport services and infrastructures.

This arbitrary exclusion, strongly penalising Gesac's private investors as well as its public sector minority partners, has been strongly challenged by the airport operator in a formal request to Minister Lunardi who has been requested to intervene with ENAC authorities and uphold the principles of transparency and non-discrimination.