

CAPODICHINO: GOVERNMENT/REGIONAL AGREEMENT REACHED FOR ALLOCATION OF 111 MILLION EURO AIMED AT STRUCTURAL ENHANCEMENT, REDUCTION IN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AND IMPROVEMENTS IN SECURITY.

An agreement between the Campania Region, the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport, ENAC (Civil Aviation Authority) and ENAV (National Flight Assistance Agency) was signed in Rome at the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport, for the realisation of a series of work projects aimed at structural enhancement, further improvements in security and the reduction of acoustic and atmospheric pollution levels at the Naples Capodichino Airport.

The Campania Regional Councilman for Transport, **Ennio Cascetta**, the Director General for Territorial Transformation of the Ministry of Infrastructure, **Luciano Novella**, ENAV Deputy Director General, **Nadio Di Rienzo**, and the head of ENAC Finance Department **Aldo Londei** were present at the signing ceremony.

The overall cost of the programmed work is in the area of **111 million Euro**, to be drawn from the PON (*Programma Operativo Nazionale*- National Operative Program) and the POR (*Programma Operativo Regionale* – Regional Operative Program) 2000-2006 European Funds, to which an additional 16.6 million have been made available by GESAC, the Capodichino airport authority.

Specifically, the work called for in the agreement will enable the airport to adequately meet the demands of traffic growth forecasted for 2010 in terms of infrastructure, security and environmental impact, based upon the feasibility study on development of the Campania airport system, which was recently presented to the Regional Council, until the tri-polar system of the Capodichino, Grazzanise and Pontecagnano airports.

The more significant projected work includes:

- The extension of passenger areas with new check-ins and baggage inspection systems;
- The building of aprons for light aircraft (air-taxis and private jets);
- The construction of three parking areas: one for 36-seat tourist buses and two for cars respectively with 850 and 450 spaces;
- The installation of new systems aimed at further reducing acoustic and atmospheric pollution;
- Further enhancement of air traffic control systems and luminous markings on the ground;
- The building of a link road between the airport and the A1 Motorway (the "US Navy road", under regional competence, to be financed with Campania POR funds);
- Enhancement of the access control network and the airport video surveillance systems.

The initial phases of work will begin in 2004. All work must be completed by 2007.

"With this agreement – **declared Regional Transport Councilman, Ennio Cascetta** – we have begun a process aimed at completing a series of strategic work projects for Capodichino which will enable the Naples airport to further improve its structures, security and anti-pollution systems in light of the forecasted increase in traffic over the next few years. The projected work is in keeping with all that has been called for in the framework agreement on transport signed in December 2001 by the Ministry of Transport and Regions as well as with the recently presented feasibility study on the Campania airport system which outlines an integrated system based upon the three main poles of Capodichino, Grazzanise and Pontecagnano. I would also like to highlight the fact that the projected work will fully guarantee balanced growth of the airport which, in addition to having beneficial effects on the economy, employment and tourism in the Campania Region, will contribute to further enhancing security and eco-compatibility levels of the airport."