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CAPODICHINO: SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT

A meeting was held yesterday, Monday 25 September, at Palazzo Partanna, headquarters of the Naples' Industrialists Union to discuss about Gesac's plans and strategies. Attendees included the President's Committee and the Presidents of the Merchandise Sections of the Industrialists Union. Speakers included **Costanzo Jannotti Pecci**, President of the Entrepreneurs' Association, **Carlo Borgomeo**, President of Gesac and Assaeroporti, and **Roberto Barbieri**, Managing Director of Gesac.

The focus of the presentations were sustainability investments and traffic indicators. Naples airport closed the year with **12 million passengers** and **113 destinations**, most of which are international, including two daily flights to Newark /New York. Moreover, the introduction of flights to Philadelphia and New York JFK in the spring of 2024 will bring the number of **daily flights from Naples to the United States to 4**.

This month, Naples airport was ranked among the **top 5 airports** in the 10-25 million passengers category **at the Routes World Awards**, along with the airports of Brussels, Prague, Budapest and Fukuoka.

The Routes Awards are globally regarded as the most valuable awards celebrating best practices that drive air connectivity, and are assigned on the basis of the votes cast by the airlines' top management.

These outstanding operational results were matched by important environmental measures, in an effort to combine growth and sustainability. Last December, Gesac's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions earned it the highest environmental certification for an airport: **the 4+ Transition level of ACI Europe's Airport Carbon Accreditation Programme**, making it the nineteenth airport management company in the world to obtain it.

The **green investment plan**, amounting to more than **EUR 16 million**, also includes the installation of photovoltaic panels, capable of producing up to 6,700 MWh/year, which will power the electric vehicles circulating at the airport, as well as urban forestation work in the areas surrounding the airport. including the recently opened urban park at Casalnuovo. The planting of 300 trees and shrubs allowed to regenerate an area that was in an utter state of decay and neglect, and will ensure the absorption of about 2 tonnes of CO2 per year.

Furthermore, in an effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, the implementation of new **take-off procedures** developed by ENAV (Italy's agency for flight assistance) made it possible to spare over 200 hours of flight time in the first four months of the trial period (April-July), resulting in noise abatement and in an estimated 5 thousand tonnes reduction in CO2 emissions. The monitoring of the data is conducted by ARPAC, whose institutional role in protecting the environment and public health is a guarantee of impartiality.

Finally, in order to meet the growing demand for air transport in the Campania region, GESAC is finalizing the construction of **Salerno airport**, which will start its operations in the summer of 2024. With the use of state-of-the-art technologies, Salerno will be the **most eco-friendly airport in Europe**.

"Capodichino airport is a key driver for the economic and social growth of our area. Indeed, the significant increase in passenger flows has positively impacted Naples and the Campania region as a whole, boosting tourism and contributing to its excellent performance over the past few years (except during the pandemic crisis). In addition to that, the increased number of routes and international destinations is an added value for the enterprises based in the South of Italy, as they can more easily engage in their global trade activities.

In the face of a constant increase in passenger flows, it is very commendable that Gesac keeps on focusing on sustainable development activities, such as the construction of the urban park at Casalnuovo. In light of this, Naples' Industrialists Union welcomes the cooperation with such an outstanding entrepreneurial reality, because we know that this means safeguarding one of the strategic assets for the implementation of development policies", said **Costanzo Jannotti Pecci, President of Naples' Industrialists Union**.

"I would like to thank the Industrialists Union for giving us the opportunity to present the operating results of our airport to the network of Neapolitan companies with which we share goals and objectives, both being important drivers of economic and employment growth for the entire region" said **Roberto Barbieri, GESAC CEO**.

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