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TUSCANY'S AIRPORTS RESTARTING

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SGS Italia recognises the important anti-Covid-19 measures put in place by Toscana Aeroporti

Florence, July 17, 2020 – Air traffic at the Pisa and Florence airports is showing the first important signs of recovery after the necessary measures to fight the Covid-19 epidemic had essentially reduced movements in the two airports to zero since March.

To date, over 20 airlines have already restarted operations at the two Tuscan airports, resuming more than 60 routes, of which approximately 40 international and 20 national routes.

In the first 15 days of July, the two airports handled over 77,000 passengers, with a load factor exceeding 53%.

In detail, at the **Pisa airport**, passengers handled were more than 56,000, 12 airlines are already operating, serving over 30 international and 11 national destinations, with a load factor of 58%.

At the **Florence airport**, passengers handled were more than 20,000, 13 airlines resumed operations, serving over 20 national and international routes, with a load factor exceeding 43%.

Figures are however far from 'normal' pre-Covid-19 levels: in the first 15 days of July, the decrease in the number of passengers at the two Tuscan airports compared to the same period of 2019 remained at 81.9% (although sharply increasing compared to -97.5% in June 2020, reporting an YTD decline of -72.8% for the first six months). Despite Aci-Europe's estimates forecasting a drop in traffic by 81% in July and by 74% in August at European level, this industry-wide, extremely complex context is showing the first significant signs of recovery, with important effects on all the economic satellite activities generated by the two Tuscan airports.

In fact, the majority of commercial operations located in the two airports have reopened, the road and rail services connecting the two airports have restarted, and almost all the car parks have reopened with particularly attractive promotional offers. The car rental services are also restarting gradually.

Toscana Aeroporti's commitment has been particularly important in assisting with the resumption of service, by implementing a special safety protocol at the two airports in which departing passengers have the voluntary option to take a rapid serology test before entering the airport. In addition, before entering the terminal, departing passengers — who are offered gloves, masks and sanitiser gel — access a personal sanitisation portal, sprayed by a mist of hydrogen peroxide.

The anti-Covid-19 measures adopted by Toscana Aeroporti to make airports as Covid-safe as possible, where passengers can travel with complete safety and peace of mind, have also been certified by the certification company SGS Italia.

"The traffic data for the first 15 days of July, although still a very long way from normal pre-Covid levels, combined with the excellent response by the airlines which are gradually restarting their

Florence and Pisa connections, represent an important injection of confidence for tackling the delicate phase of restarting. After a period of exceptional difficulty, seeing passengers once again populating our airports together with the resumption of services is a reason for great satisfaction," stated Toscana Aeroporti Chairman **Marco Carrai**.

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