

PRESS RELEASE

FLORENCE AIRPORT'S RUNWAY REOPENED

ARRIVAL OF THE NEW AIRLINE EGO AIRWAYS AT FLORENCE

Florence, April 2, 2021 – The Ego Airways Embraer 190 from Catania which landed at 8:20 a.m. has inaugurated the Florence airport's runway, which reopened today after the important work to restore its pavement and the adjacent strips, including horizontal signage and lighting systems, in accordance with the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) certification standards.

The works involved the **restoration of the runway's entire surface pavement**. All the **lights and luminous signage** have been replaced, introducing new latest-generation LED signs, which perform better in **environmental** terms, have greater **durability** and require less **maintenance** than the previous halogen lights. The **electrical system** has also been improved, through the replacement of a number of power lines, connectors and all the isolation transformers, so as to make the entire system more modern and advanced.

Work has also started on the process to install a continuous single light **control and monitoring system** which, by the end of the summer, will be able to provide the control tower with immediate information of any malfunction and allow maintenance and replacement work to be carried out promptly – a technology adopted by only a few airports in Italy.

Stabilization measures have also been carried out on **the ground areas adjacent to the runway** (strips) with the aim of improving the geo-technical and geo-mechanical characteristics of the soil, as required by EASA. Finally, the existing **drainage system** for the same strip areas has been optimized and improved by replacing the drainage systems and pipes. This will increase the efficiency of the systems that collect and convey percolating rainwater and are generally subject to a progressive decrease in hydraulic efficiency, due to the action of time.

The works, totaling about **€9 million**, were carried out and conducted, on a continuous 7-day cycle, by **Toscana Aeroporti Costruzioni**, recently established when Toscana Aeroporti took a majority stake in the former company Cemes Aeroporti. Works Management was guided by **Toscana Aeroporti Engineering**, another company in the Toscana Aeroporti Group. The technical-administrative inspection and high-level supervision of the works was the responsibility of ENAC, which ensured that the works were executed correctly.

The runway's reopening was inaugurated – when the Catania flight landed – with the traditional water salute to Ego Airways, a new airline that from today will operate throughout the season from the Florence airport with national and international flights.

Moreover, as from today, the main airlines operating at the Florence airport have reactivated the routes already operating before the airport closed. In detail, the following connections will be resumed in April: Amsterdam (KLM), Barcelona (Vueling), Bucharest (Blue Air), Catania (Air Dolomiti, Ego Airways and Vueling), Frankfurt (Air Dolomiti), Luxembourg (Luxair), Madrid (Iberia), Marina di Campo (Silver Air), Munich (Air Dolomiti), Palermo (Air Dolomiti and Vueling), Paris Charles de Gaulle (Air France), Vienna (Austrian Airlines), and Zurich (Swiss International Airlines).

The measures for managing the Covid-19 risk have been reactivated and implemented upon the airport's reopening. These measures, which also apply at the Pisa airport, consist in activating for all passengers a "Covid-safe" triage process, which includes measuring body temperature, passing through sanitizing arches and the possibility of carrying out on the spot serological tests (at a cost of €10) and rapid antigen swab tests (at a cost of €20) to assess any exposure to the virus.

"We are particularly pleased that we were able to complete major maintenance works on the runway, concentrating them in a period of almost zero air traffic levels due to the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. The works completed today – which have involved more than 100 people a day with significant consequences for the local area's economic and employment situation at a time of serious economic crisis – mean that we will not have to plan for airport closures in the next few years and will be in an excellent position to be ready for the hoped-for resumption of traffic in spring-summer this year. Finally, it is with great pleasure that we welcome the new airline Ego Airways, which allows us to look to the future with optimism after a very difficult period for air travel," commented Toscana Aeroporti Chairman Marco Carrai.

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