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TORINO AIRPORT LAUNCHES AIRPORTGRF, THE RUNWAY MONITORING PLATFORM ENTIRELY DEVELOPED BY SAGAT S.P.A. FOR OTHER AIRPORTS

- Torino AirportGRF is the first software designed by an aerodrome operator for other airports able to manage the ICAO Global Reporting Format (GRF) assuring runway safety in adverse weather conditions
- The platform allows the evaluation of runway condition easily and real-time information sharing with air traffic control services and pilots for safe aircraft landings
- The technological solution developed by Torino Airport is the only one on the market that, covering the entire cycle of runway monitoring and reporting activities, will allow to perform safety analysis regarding GRF implementation
- 29 domestic and international airports have adopted so far the tool implemented by Torino Airport

Caselle Torinese, March 23, 2022 – Torino Airport launches AirportGRF, the platform entirely developed by its managing company SAGAT S.p.A., to manage and ensure safe airport operations in case of adverse weather conditions.

The innovative in-house built solution is the first to be conceived and designed by an airport for other airports and made available to the air transport professionals.

Implemented by Torino Airport without third parties involvement, AirportGRF aims to monitor and share information on the runway surface conditions in case of weather precipitation and it is the result of a research project aimed at improving the safety of airport operations.

The platform complies with EASA and ICAO regulations, which came into force in Europe in August 2021 and they were applied globally from November 2021. These regulations require airport operators to constantly monitor, report and share information on runway conditions in order to quickly identify any critical issues in case of bad weather.

AirportGRF by Torino Airport is the only tool on the market that analyzes and controls the whole cycle of activities, from runway inspections to issuance of aeronautical reports and allows to perform safety analysis regarding GRF implementation.

The acquired knowledge as airport operator enabled Torino Airport to offer AirportGRF software to other airports, thus sharing operational knowledge and know-how: 29 Italian and international airports are currently using Torino Airport's GRF solution.

Here is the list of airports which share the tool of Torino Airport:

- 23 Italian airports: Rome Fiumicino, Milan Malpensa, Bergamo, Catania, Naples, Palermo, Milan Linate, Bologna, Pisa, Lamezia Terme, Alghero, Olbia, Florence, Pescara, Trieste, Lampedusa, Reggio Calabria, Crotone, Cuneo, Bolzano, Grosseto, Aosta and Albenga.
- 6 international airports: London Heathrow (United Kingdom), Ljubljana (Slovenia), Zagreb (Croatia), Tirana and Kukës (Albania) and Amman (Jordan).

Thanks to the extensive network of airports participating in the research project, SAGAT is able to carry out very accurate and detailed analyses about the use of the GRF methodology and its effectiveness, to guarantee maximum safety on the runway in case of adverse weather conditions.



The AirportGRF enables involved air transport professionals – Air Traficc Control Tower Operators, pilots, airlines, airfield safety operators and flight coordinators - to obtain real time useful information on the status of the runway and make decisions on appropriate landing manoeuvres in case of adverse weather conditions.

The effective sharing of information through the platform also significantly reduces data processing times and minimizes the possibility of error while exchanging information.

Further details and information on how to access the AirportGRF platform can be found on the dedicated website <u>www.AirportGRF.com</u>.

Andrea Andorno, CEO of Torino Airport, commented: "We are proud to be able to share our know-how with other airports, including international ones. The AirportGRF platform being recognized by other airports for the safety of operations is a very important result. Our goal is to continue to represent excellence in the aviation sector in terms of innovation, thanks to the constant commitment and expertise of our team. Initiatives such as AirportGRF allow Torino Airport to meet the needs of air transport quickly and effectively, spreading the benefits of digitalization and creating shared value with a collaborative approach".

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