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Torino Airport increasingly green. Obtained certification at Level 2 of the international program Airport Carbon Accreditation by ACI Europe for environmental sustainability

Caselle Torinese, January, 13th 2021 – Torino Airport has been certified at **Level 2 ‘Reduction’ of the environmental sustainability programme Airport Carbon Accreditation** - the common protocol for the active management of emissions at airports through measurable results - **promoted by ACI Europe**, the association of European airports. A step forward in the environmental sustainability strategy of Torino Airport.

Certification Level 2 requires the fulfillment of all accreditation requirements of Level 1 ‘Mapping’ (development of a detailed inventory of carbon emissions), already achieved by Torino Airport in 2018. Furthermore, Level 2 certification also implies the **implementation plan aimed to achieve with an ambitious carbon reduction target**. The target set for the next three-year period 2021-2023 is **the halving of CO₂ emissions compared to the base year 2017**, through investments in increasing the efficiency of the most energy-intensive systems and through the purchase of electricity only from certified renewable sources.

So far, in the three-year period 2017-2019* Torino Airport has already managed to **reduce its CO₂ emissions by 1,350 metric tons, or more than -10%**, thanks to these initiatives:

- a **new air-conditioning unit** with very high efficiency refrigeration units;
- the **replacement of heat generators** with new high efficiency and low emissions equipment;
- the **replacement of lighting bodies** with new LED equipment and installation of automatic systems for regulating the luminous flux;
- the enhancement of **consumption monitoring and climate control management systems**.

Launched by the Airports Council International (ACI) Europe in 2009, the Airport Carbon Accreditation program allows airports to assess the progress made in managing their carbon footprint. The Airport Carbon Accreditation protocol includes **six levels of climate certification**: mapping, reduction, optimization, neutrality, transformation and transition. The administration of the program is handled by WSP environmental consultancy firm, which ensures impartial implementation. Furthermore, the assessments for granting certification are carefully checked by independent verifiers.

Andrea Andorno, Torino Airport Chief Executive Officer stated: “We have made an important commitment to the environment and the community, adhering to the NetZero 2050 programme promoted by ACI, which will lead us to zero emissions in the next 30 years. The Level 2 certification of the Airport Carbon Accreditation represents a fundamental step in this development path and a recognition of the fact that we are following the right way, for the aviation industry and for future generations. Each year, the results of our work produce significant CO₂ savings and they will fuel the global carbon reduction figures achieved by airports active in the Airport Carbon Accreditation program. By joining this growing community of climate-sensitive airports, we recognize that climate change is a global issue that requires collective action”.

Olivier Jankovec, ACI Europe Director General said: “It takes vision and hard work from the entire airport team to deliver tangible CO₂ reductions even in normal times. Ramping up climate ambition in the midst of a crippling pandemic is truly exceptional. Torino Airport’s upgrade to the second level of Airport Carbon Accreditation, ‘Reduction’, is a tribute to their commitment and determination and an illustration of our industry’s ongoing progress towards a sustainable future. Bravissimi!”.

Learn more at www.airportcarbonaccreditation.org

* In 2020, the Airport Carbon Accreditation certification was suspended due to the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

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