

Naples Airport is the first in Italy to Achieve ACA Level 5,  
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**The commitment to sustainability awards Naples airport with the highest environmental certification in the airport sector: level 5 of the Airport's Carbon Accreditation Program by ACI Europe\*. Naples is the first airport in Italy to obtain this certification and tenth airport management company in the world.**

**Naples, December 9, 2024** - The Airport Carbon Accreditation (ACA) is an international program that Naples Airport has been part of since 2013. It defines and certifies activities aimed at managing, reducing, and neutralizing CO2 emissions. Recognized globally as the only program specifically designed for airports, ACA includes seven levels of certification, with Level 5 being the highest.

Since joining the ACA program in 2013, Naples airport has consistently achieved the highest certification available, reaching the objectives set by the certifying body. The airport has progressively reduced its direct CO2 emissions per passenger, ultimately reaching net zero.

The most significant milestones in the journey undertaken by Naples Airport include the achievement of Level 3+ Neutrality in 2018, which certifies the airport's carbon neutrality, and the attainment of Level 4+ Transition in 2022. The latter, introduced in 2020, was designed to align the ACA program with the climate goals set by the Paris Agreement.

Level 5, established in 2023, represents the most advanced stage of the program. It requires the reduction of both direct and indirect emissions through active collaboration with the entire airport ecosystem, including employees, suppliers, airlines, third-party companies, and the gradual implementation of the decarbonization strategic plan.

Specifically, the green strategic plan developed by GESAC, with an investment of over 16 million euros, includes:

- The installation of a 2.4 MW photovoltaic system covering an area of approximately 15,000 square meters.
- the energy efficiency of the fire station, which has made it possible to eliminate fossil fuels thanks to the installation of solar thermal panels;
- The gradual replacement of the airport's vehicle fleet with fully electric vehicles;
- Urban reforestation in areas beneath the flight paths.
- New flight procedures, introduced in February 2023, which have so far reduced over 1,300 hours of flight over the historic centre of Naples, decreased the population exposed to noise by 50%, and cut over 30,000 tons of CO2 emissions.

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In addition, for the sustainable growth of traffic, GESAC has for years adopted an incentive policy for airlines operating with the latest-generation aircraft, which offer better environmental performance both for noise and gas emissions reduction.

"Promoting sustainable growth that combines environmental, economic, and social dimensions is our top priority, and it is a point of pride that Naples is the first airport in Italy to achieve this recognition. It demonstrates that Naples Airport, in addition to being an important economic flywheel for the region, is at the forefront of the ecological transition process," says **Roberto Barbieri, CEO of GESAC**.

**\*\*ACI EUROPE (Airports Council International) is an international organization representing over 500 airports across 55 European countries.**

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