

Cuneo Airport and Evia Aero, together in the name of sustainability and innovation

The memorandum of understanding has set the airport in the European network of sustainable airports.



Cuneo, 10th October 2023 – As revealed in the latest press conference on 27th July 2023, **GEAC**, managing company of Cuneo Airport, and the sustainable airline company **Evia Aero**, have signed an agreement for a feasibility study for the development of an infrastructure to stock electricity and produce and transport hydrogen, that will be employed in road, air and railroad local transportation. This action is implemented in compliance with the development guidelines included in the five-year industrial plan of GEAC and its technical staff and advisors, specialized in the airport sector, working together in the name of sustainability and innovation.

*«The second important milestone has been set – declares the President of GEAC **Paolo Merlo** -. Since the announcement of the Cuneo-Rome route from October 30th, we are building strong foundation that will allow the airport to play a main role in the European context of airlines, as stated in the development plan of the airport, aiming to make innovation its main driver».*

*«This new infrastructure will be part of a project including the production of photovoltaic energy that GEAC is implementing – adds **Georges Mikhael**, CEO of GEAC -. The industrial development of GEAC as a Cargo hub ESG strengthens its strategic role for Piedmont Airport system».*

*«Cuneo Airport is located in a strategic position in Europe – declares **Florian Kruse**, CEO of Evia Aero -, which is ideal for developing spin-off economy related to sustainable aviation. Cuneo airport is set between the Alps and the Mediterranean Sea, in a flourishing industrial area, which is ideal for building a network allowing to reach the main European cities in an efficient and quick way. Once*

received the necessary authorizations, the infrastructure will be completed in 24 months. Thanks to the proactive approach of the Cuneo Airport team, we can concretely implement and develop the sustainable aviation in Italy».

About Cuneo Airport/GEAC:

Cuneo Airport is the second airport in Piemonte and has around 2 million potential passengers in its catchment area. It is located 10 minutes away from Cuneo, the main city, and 50 minutes away from Turin, Piemonte capital city. The airport is gate away for a touristic destination all year round, between the Alps and the Mediterranean Sea, business and leisure, with many companies that invested and developed in different industrial sectors. The area of Cuneo is leader in North-West Italy in the export, worth 9.8 billion € in 2022 (+7,1% compared to 2021), of which 9,3 billion € in the manufacturing sector (+7,9%).

About EVIA AERO:

EVIA AERO is a German company based in Bremen. The company covers the entire value chain of sustainable aviation from decentralized energy generation with photovoltaic systems, generation of hydrogen with electrolyzers to energy storage as well as flight operations. With a focus on regional business, the future airline will offer a point-to-point route model with multiple daily connections to create connectivity for business travelers. EVIA AERO is currently the only airline in Europe that has signed LOI's for 25 electric aircraft (manufacturer Eviation, USA) and 25 hydrogen hybrid aircraft (manufacturer Cranfield Aerospace Solutions, UK). The zero-emission aircraft will initially have 9 seats, a subsequent range of up to 500 km and are scheduled to enter in service from 2026 onwards.

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