



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **AEROPORTO GUGLIELMO MARCONI DI BOLOGNA S.p.A.: AdB will be among the founding members of "URBAN BLUE", a company for the international development of urban air mobility**

Bologna, October 26, 2021 – Aeroporto Guglielmo Marconi di Bologna S.p.A. will be a partner, with an initial small investment, of Aeroporti di Roma, Aeroporto di Venezia, Aeroports de la Cote d'Azur in an innovative project for construction and management of vertiports.

AdB today signed a preliminary agreement, which defines its initial entry into the newco, URBAN BLUE, and lays the basis for the future definition of further partnership conditions.

In an initial phase, URBAN BLUE will carry out technical-economic feasibility studies and masterplans, in coordination with all the stakeholders of the new ecosystem, preparatory to the authorisation phase and the subsequent construction and management of the vertiports.

The company, which will be open to new industrial, technological and financial partners for the progressive expansion of the urban air mobility in various geographic areas, in addition to Italy and France, will be concerned with studying, designing, building and managing the infrastructures - also known as vertiports - essential to allow electric vertical take-off aircraft (e-VTOL) to connect airports with built-up areas and promote intra-city mobility, promoting the decongestion of traffic in urban centres.

*"The Urban Air Mobility - said Nazareno Ventola, CEO of Bologna Airport - represents a stimulating challenge, capable of mobilizing new resources and skills and project ourselves into a future of innovative and sustainable mobility. Aeroporto di Bologna SpA wants to be protagonist of this future and the partnership that we are going to develop is an opportunity to be fully seized and exploited, in the interest of our shareholders and our stakeholders".*

**Bologna Guglielmo Marconi Airport**, classified as a "strategic airport" in the centre-north area of the National Airports Plan prepared by the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport, in 2020 - a year affected by the global pandemic - 2.5 million passengers were recorded, ranking as the eighth Italian airport in terms of number of passengers (Source: Assaeroporti). Located in the heart of the Emilia food valley and the automotive and packaging industrial districts, the airport has a catchment area of about 11 million inhabitants and around 47,000 companies, with a strong propensity to exports and internationalisation and with commercial expansion policies to Eastern Europe and Asia.

As for airport infrastructure, the airport has among its strategic objectives in the next few years an important development plan that mainly concerns the expansion of the terminal, particularly in the parts of security checks and gate area. The company's aim is to make Bologna Airport one of the most modern and functional in Italy, an important gateway to the city and region.

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