ENAV: FOR THE FIRST TIME, ADRIATIC-IONIAN REGION COUNTRIES GATHER IN ROME TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF AIR TRAFFIC

The international meeting, organized by ENAV as part of the European Union Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR), was held at the Rome Area Control Centre. Cooperation, technological innovation and emerging challenges in airspace management were at the heart of the discussions.

Rome, 19 November 2026 – For the first time, ENAV, the Italian Air Navigation Service Provider, has brought together representatives of air navigation service providers, institutional and diplomatic representatives from countries across the Adriatic-Ionian region at its Rome Ciampino Area Control Centre for an international discussion on the future of air traffic management.

The event, entitled "Connected Skies: ANSP Cooperation across the Adriatic-Ionian Region", was organized by ENAV under the Italian Presidency of EUSAIR, the European Union Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region, with the aim of strengthening cooperation among countries and promoting increasingly safe, efficient and integrated airspace.

EUSAIR brings together ten countries: Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Greece, Albania, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia and the Republic of San Marino. This region is strategically important for European and Mediterranean air connectivity, where cooperation among air navigation service providers is essential to ensuring the safety, efficiency and continuity of air traffic.

"*This is the first time ENAV has organized an international initiative of this kind, bringing together key stakeholders in air navigation from across the Adriatic-Ionian region. This initiative reflects our commitment to playing an increasingly active role in fostering dialogue and cooperation among countries. The challenges ahead, from growing air traffic to technological innovation, require a shared vision and common solutions. ENAV aims to play a leading role in this process, leveraging its expertise, technologies and innovative capabilities to contribute to an increasingly integrated, safe and sustainable European sky*," said Igor De Biasio, Chief Executive Officer and General Manager of ENAV.

The decision to host the meeting at the Rome Area Control Centre highlights ENAV's leading role in European air traffic management and its position as a key player in technological innovation and international cooperation within the aviation sector.

The conference, opened by ENAV CEO and General Manager Igor De Biasio, provided an opportunity to explore cooperation mechanisms among countries, starting with Free Route Airspace, which allows aircraft to fly more direct routes, reducing distances travelled, fuel consumption and emissions, and Functional Airspace Blocks, which promote coordinated air traffic management between neighboring countries, overcoming the limitations imposed by national borders.

Discussions also focused on emerging air traffic control technologies, including Remote and Digital Towers, the development of drones and Unmanned Airspace services, as well as new frontiers in higher airspace operations and space activities.

The conference also provided an opportunity to showcase ENAV's technological and operational infrastructure. Participants visited the National Testbed dedicated to Remote and Digital Towers, the Technical Operations Centre and the Operations Room of the Rome Area Control Centre, gaining first-hand insight into the technologies and expertise through which ENAV ensures the safety and efficiency of air traffic every day.

Among those attending the meeting were H.E. Mirjana Jeremić, Ambassador of the Republic of Serbia to Italy, and Davide Drago, Director General for Airports, Air Transport and Satellite Services at the Italian Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport.