



PRESS RELEASE

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SWAN WATER AERODROME AND TERMINAL AT NARDÒ SITE, RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY

Opening Ceremony, Friday 22nd July, at 19:30, in Santa Maria al Bagno (73050 - LECCE – ITALY - Street Alfonso La Marmora)

The Mayor of the Municipality of Nardò, **Pippi Mellone**, tomorrow, the 22nd of July 2022 at 19:30 p.m., will inaugurate the **Water Aerodrome and Terminal** of Santa Maria al Bagno, that has been built on the "La Marmora" seafront as the "heart" of the **SWAN** project (*Enhancing regional transportation through sustainable water aerodrome network - MIS: 50003044*), a system of **eight multifunctional Water aerodromes and Terminals** between **Italy and Greece**. After an intense bureaucratic, design and building work lasted about four years, the infrastructure is ready and includes a **Water Aerodrome** and a **mini-Terminal** with an annexed **info-point** for **tourist services** to the general public.

The built seaplanes infrastructure with the annexed tourist info-point, will be finally opened to the public to **improve the local and cross-border transport system** by a **renewed, smart, multimodal integration** of the **actual transport modes**, as well as, the **current tourist services offer** for the **benefits of passengers, tourists and residents** for the **further social-economic development** of the involved **Greece Italy** Programme area.

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The Water Aerodrome and Terminal of Nardò has been implemented by the **Municipality of Nardò** (Beneficiary Partner n. 5 of SWAN project). The infrastructure works have been carried out by the selected company "**La NUOVA METALMECCANICA**" for an amount equal to **180.326,94 euros** VAT included.

In addition to the Mayor, **Pippi Mellone**, also Mr. **Gianfranco Gadaleta** (Joint Secretariat Coordinator), Ms. **Carmela Sfregola** (Communication Officer) and the Italian Project Partners will attend the event.

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