

## PRESS NOTE

### **WEBUILD: COMPLETED EXCAVATION OF ROSETO 1 TUNNEL OF IONIAN 106 TRUNK ROAD**

#### **STRATEGIC PROJECT TO CONNECT CALABRIA, BASILICATA AND PUGLIA WITH 1,200 PEOPLE AT WORK**

- *Webuild works for ANAS reach 61% of the total*
- *1,200 workers engaged and 880 supply chain companies (the majority from the South of Italy)*

*Roseto Capo Spulico, May 10, 2024* – Excavation works for the Roseto 1 natural tunnel, were completed today. This is an important step ahead with regard to the works on the Megalot 3 of the Ionian Trunk Road (SS 106) that Webuild is building for ANAS (FS Italiane Group). The last northbound diaphragm of the double-barrel tunnel measuring 1,200 metres per direction was demolished.

With the excavation completed in the forthcoming days the tunnel will be completed using concrete and pre-cast concrete segments for the final lining, an activity that should be finished by the end of the year.

Megalot 3 is the main intervention along the Calabria section of the Jonica Trunk Road. It is strategic for connecting the Ionian Sea coasts of Calabria, Basilicata and Puglia. When finished, it will connect the A14 and A2 motorway axis and improve access to numerous coastal towns, benefiting both travel times and road safety.

The project began in May 2020. Today, it employs approximately 1,200 people (direct and third party personnel), engaging over 880 companies (the majority of which from the South of Italy) since works began. We aim to complete works on Megalot 3 by the end of August 2026. Since February this year, the areas were also included in the *Strade Sicure* programme to ensure full and safe operations in all construction sites and for workers and companies working on the project. *Strade Sicure* is a joint operation of the Italian Military and State Police force, created to safeguard the territory.

The Megalot 3 of the Ionian Trunk Road (SS 106) foresees a section measuring 38 km in length on two different lanes, including 5km of natural tunnels, 5 km of artificial tunnels and 7 km of viaducts. The section develops in the province of Cosenza, between Sibari and Roseto Capo Spulico, and foresees 4 road intersections (Sibari, Cerchiara-Francavilla, Trebisacce e Roseto) that will ensure a connection with the existing road network and between the coast and the inland territory.

The work is one of the 19 projects that Webuild is building in the South of Italy that will contribute to providing this part of the nation with modern and sustainable works, just like the high-speed railway service that following the Naples-Bari section will now reach Calabria and the high-capacity one like the Palermo-Catania-Messina section. These projects currently engage 5,450 people (direct and third party personnel), and have engaged 4,300 companies since works began.

During the last weeks in Calabria, the first two construction site operator courses took off for 45 young men and women and unemployed people of the region, which were inaugurated in the presence of Calabria Region President Roberto Occhiuto and Webuild CEO Pietro Salini, as part of the "Cantiere Lavoro Italia" programme that Webuild created to hire 10 thousand people by 2026, of whom 80% from the South of Italy.

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