

MARCONI AIRPORT: MORE THAN 800 THOUSAND PASSENGERS IN AUGUST (+7.0%) Nearly 2.5 million passengers during the three summer months

Another month above 800 thousand passengers for Bologna Airport. After the all-time record of July 2017, in August passengers were 828,480: the best August ever for Marconi, with an increase of +7.0% versus the same month of 2016.

During the summer months of June, July and August, the Airport reached 2.5 million passengers (2,424,155), with a daily average of over 26 thousand passengers.

In detail, **international passengers were 644,725** and **domestic passengers were 183,755**. More moderate, in line with the last months trend, the **flight movements** growth, that were **6,314**, with an increase of 1.3% as compared to August 2016 and **air cargo delivered an excellent result: +30,8%** (**2.732 tons**).

The most popular destinations were: Catania, London Heathrow, Frankfurt, Barcelona, Bucharest, Palermo, Casablanca, Paris Charles De Gaulle, Madrid and Cagliari. **Lisbon** registered an outstanding growth versus August 2016 (+120.5%). A traffic increase was also delivered by other destinations: Catania (+15.8%), Bucharest (+11.6%) and Frankfurt (+11.5%).

In the period January – August 2017, passenger traffic reached 5,489,478, with an increase of 6.8%. Flight movements were 44,925 (+2.5%) and air cargo increased by 12.7% for 27,254 tons.

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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, is now the seventh biggest Italian airport by passenger numbers, with more than 7.5 million passengers in 2016, of which 75% on international flights (Source: Assaeroporti). Located in the heart of the Emilian 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.

In 2016 103 destinations were served from Bologna: the presence at the airport of some of the largest airlines in Europe along with some of the leading low-cost carriers and the close link with International hubs make Bologna Italy's fourth airport for global connectivity (Source: ICCSAI - Fact Book 2016) and the first in Europe in terms of growth of connectivity in the decade from 2004 to 2014 (Source: ACI Europe Airport Connectivity Report 2004-2014).

As for airport infrastructure, the airport has recently completed a major upgrade and expansion of the passenger terminal, while the capacity of aeronautical infrastructure is deemed adequate to accommodate the expected growth over the coming years. 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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