



BOLOGNA AIRPORT: OCTOBER GROWTH DRIVES 2017 TRAFFIC ABOVE 7 MILLION PASSENGERS (+6.6%)

Paris CdG, Frankfurt and Palermo were the favorite destinations

Bologna Airport traffic continues its growth in Autumn. After Summer's records, with over 800 monthly passengers in July, August and September, with passengers growth in **October 2017 traffic went above 7 million passengers (7,007,920), +6.6%** versus 2016. **In the first ten months of the year flight movements were 57,254 (+2.7%)** and air cargo delivered a sound growth of 13.8% (34,868 tons).

The month of October performed very well – **714,576 passengers (+ 5.8%), with international passengers at 546,826 and domestic passengers at 167,750**. Flight movements were **5,986 (+ 4.2% on October 2016)** and air cargo reached **+11.4% (3,785 tons)**.

The three most popular destinations were: Paris Charles De Gaulle, Frankfurt and Palermo followed by London Heathrow, Catania, London Stansted, Munich, Rome Fiumicino, Amsterdam and Barcelona. October's most outstanding growth rates were delivered by Istanbul (+18.3%), Munich (+11.8%) and Valencia (+11.6%).

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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, in 2016 was the seventh biggest Italian airport by passenger numbers, with more than 7.5 million passengers, 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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