



**BOLOGNA AIRPORT, CONSIDERABLE GROWTH IN MARCH: PASSENGERS +14.5%**  
*Over one and a half million passengers have been recorded in 2016: 1,565,928, for a total increase of 16.0%*

Bologna Airport's traffic keeps on growing: passengers rose by **14.5% in March as compared to the same month in 2015, reaching 577,671.**

Growth was driven mainly by **international traffic (+15.5%, 430,701 passengers)**, but **domestic passengers reported a two-digit increase too (+12.0%, 146,970).**

**The excellent trend registered by Bologna Airport during the first months of 2016** is thus confirmed, with +13.9% in January and +20.1% in February. Furthermore, March was the eleventh month in a row of continuous growth at Bologna Airport.

The increase registered in March was due to the **positive performances of the recently started or developed routes** (mainly: Dubai, Cagliari and Bucharest) while **London, Paris and Madrid** turned out to be the preferred destinations.

**Flight movements reached 5,035, with a growth of 8.9% versus March 2015**, while **air cargo traffic** increased by a significant **+26.1%** reaching **3,411 tons.**

Regarding current years' figures so far, in the first-quarter 2016 passengers exceeded one million and a half (**1,565,928**), increasing by 16.0% as compared to the same period in 2015. Movements reached **14,157 (+10.9%)** and air cargo reached 9,193 tons (+27.9%).

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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 about 7 million passengers in 2015, of which 75% are 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 2015 102 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 European continental hubs make Bologna Italy's fifth airport in for global connectivity (Source: ICCSAI - Fact Book 2015) 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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