



BOLOGNA AIRPORT, STRONG PASSENGERS GROWTH IN APRIL: +12.9%
For the first time in April more than 700,000 passengers

Another month of strong growth for Bologna Airport. In April, **passengers were 701,865**, an **increase of 12.9%** compared to April 2016 and **exceeding for the first time in the Airport's history the threshold of 700,000 passengers in this month**. In detail, international traffic reached 542,578 passengers, domestic traffic 159,287.

Flight movements performed well, too (**5,662**), increasing by 7.7% on April 2016, whereas **air cargo** totaled **3,115 tons** recording a **slight decrease (-1.2%)**.

April's most popular destinations were: Barcelona, Catania, Frankfurt, Paris Charles De Gaulle and Madrid. A sound growth versus April 2016 was delivered by Lisbon (+84.4%), Moscow (+43.4%), Catania (+41.2%), Casablanca (+23.8%) and Munich (+23.0%), as a result of a larger seats offer to those destinations.

In the first four months of the year, passenger traffic performed very well: 2,339,366 passengers (+ 6.9%). Flight movements were 19,979, with a growth of 2.9% and air cargo traffic delivered a sound growth as well, with 13,409 tons (+8.6%).

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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, 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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