



BOLOGNA AIRPORT, PASSENGER TRAFFIC INCREASED BY 6.6% IN MARCH. *Catania, Moscow and Munich destinations on the rise*

The continuous growth of traffic is confirmed at Bologna Airport: in March 2017 passengers reached **615,747**, with a **growth of 6.6%** compared to 2016, exceeding for the first time in the Airport's history the threshold of 600,000 passengers in March (international passengers 464,776, domestic passengers 150,971).

Flight movements reached **5,300**, increasing by 5.35% on March 2016 and air cargo performed very well, too, **growing by 13% (3,855 tons)**.

The most popular destinations in March were Catania, Madrid, Frankfurt, Palermo, Barcelona, Paris Charles De Gaulle, Rome Fiumicino, London Heathrow and London Stansted. The biggest growth on March 2016 was delivered by Catania (+35.2%), Moscow (+24.2%) and Munich (+22.3%) as a result of a larger seats offer to those three destinations.

In the first quarter of 2017, passenger traffic reached 1,637,501, with a growth of +4.6%. Flight movements were 14,317 (+1.1%) and air cargo traffic delivered excellent results as well (10,293 tons, +12.0%).

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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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