



## **JULY, RECORD MONTH FOR BOLOGNA AIRPORT: FOR THE FIRST TIME OVER 800 THOUSAND PASSENGERS**

**Nearly 30 thousand passengers on Monday 24<sup>th</sup>: daily record in the Airport's history. 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive month with more than 700 thousand passengers.**

**July was a record month** for Bologna Airport: passengers were **837,104 (+7.2% vs July 2016)**, **exceeding for the first time in the Airport's history the threshold of 800,000 passengers** per month and recording a **daily average of 27 thousand passengers**. After the excellent performances in April, May and June, July was **the fourth consecutive month with over 700 thousand passengers**. Monday 24<sup>th</sup> was the busiest day ever experienced so far by the airport, with 29,691 passengers.

In detail, **international passengers were 649,016** and **domestic passengers were 188,088** meaning that almost four out of five passengers (78%) flew to international destinations.

More moderate, in consistency with the last years trend, the **flight movements** growth, that were **6,517**, with an increase of 3.1% as compared to July 2016 and **air cargo delivered an excellent result: +19,1% (3.699 tons)**.

**The most popular destinations were: Catania, Frankfurt, Barcelona, London Heathrow, Paris Charles De Gaulle, Palermo, Madrid, Bucharest, Munich and Rome Fiumicino. London Stansted** registered an outstanding growth versus July 2016 (+48.9%). A sound traffic increase was also delivered by other destinations: Istanbul (+20.0%), Trapani (+18.7%), Barcelona (+16.5%) and Moscow (+16.2%).

**In the first seven months of the year, passenger traffic reached 4,660,998, with an increase of 6.7%**. Flight movements were 38,617 (+2.7%) and air cargo increased by 11.0% (24,523 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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