



BOLOGNA AIRPORT, 650 THOUSAND PASSENGERS IN MARCH AND A FIRST QUARTER ON THE RISE (+9.8%) WITH ALMOST 1.8 MILLION PASSENGERS
Catania, Rome and Madrid: the most popular destinations. A sound growth for Amsterdam and Paris

One more month on the rise for Bologna Airport. In March **656,205** passengers were recorded, delivering an **increase of 6.6%** on the same month last year, figure which was however affected by the cancellations forced by severe weather and snowfalls in the first week of the month.

In detail, March 2018 recorded **502,822 international passengers** and **153,383 domestic passengers**. Flight movements, **5,333**, remained practically unchanged (+0.6%) and **air freight** totaled **3,637 tons decreasing by 5.6%**.

The three most popular destinations in March were: Catania, Rome Fiumicino and Madrid, followed by Paris Charles de Gaulle, Frankfurt, Barcelona, London Heathrow, Palermo, Amsterdam and Munich. A sound growth to Paris and Amsterdam was boosted by more frequencies operated to BLQ by Air France-Klm group.

In 2018 first quarter, passenger traffic reached 1,797,547, up 9.8% on the same quarter last year. Flight movements were 14,917 with a growth of 4.2% and air cargo transported 10,191 tons with a slight decrease (-1.0%).

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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, in 2017 was the eighth biggest Italian airport by passenger numbers, with 8.2 million passengers, of which 76% 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 2017 106 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 fourth airport in for global connectivity (Source: ICCSAI - Fact Book 2017) 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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