

## **BOLOGNA AIRPORT KEEPS ON GROWING:**

700 thousand passengers in June
Monthly growth of 12.6%, with an increase of 15.8% on domestic flights and 11.5% on
international flights
Passengers grew by 13.3% in the first six months

Bologna Airport recorded a sound double-digit growth in June 2016, with passengers reaching 717,536, a 12.6% growth compared to June 2015.

This is the best monthly figure ever recorded in the Airport's history and also the first time Bologna Airport exceeded 700 thousand passengers in June.

Traffic growth was mainly driven by **domestic passengers** with a significant **+15.8%** (**reaching 185,509 passengers**), with **international passengers**, still accounting for the largest share of traffic, also recording a **two-digit increase by +11.5%** (532,027 **passengers**).

Among the **most popular destinations**, Catania delivered an impressive growth of 33.9% reaching the top of the ranking, followed by **Barcelona, Frankfurt, Rome Fiumicino and Madrid**. Overall, the previous months' trend was confirmed by a sound traffic increase in already strengthened destinations, such as Bucharest, Rome, Cagliari and Copenhagen.

Flight movements reached **5,992** in June, with an increase of **10.6%** versus **2015**, and air cargo traffic performed very well too (+24.0%), totaling **3,280** tons.

In the first half of the year, passenger traffic reached **3,586,776**, with a growth of **13.3%** as compared to 2015. Flight movements were **31,259** (+9.5%), and air cargo reached 18,978 tons (+27.4%).

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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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