

<u>PRESS RELEASE</u> AEROPORTO GUGLIELMO MARCONI DI BOLOGNA: Regulation Authority (ART) resolution on Bologna Airport 2016-2019 charges

Bologna, October 27th, 2015 – The Regulation Authority (ART) deliberated the compliance of Bologna Airport 2016-2019 charges proposal according to the reference model - ART Model 1 ruling Airport with passenger traffic above 5 million per year.

The new charges have been published on the company website <u>www.bologna-airport.it</u> in the section *Business Aviation/Aviation Charges* of the area *The Company* and have been updated according to the previous Regulation Authority resolution of August 7th. The Authority has also approved the application of a Service Level Agreement on operational performances between the airport and the airlines.

Bologna Guglielmo Marconi Airport, classified as a "strategic airport" in the central-northern area of the National Airports Plan prepared by the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport, is now the seventh biggest Italian airport in passenger numbers, with about 6.6 million passengers in 2014, of which over 70% were 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 10.7 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 2014 99 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 makes Bologna Italy's fourth airport in global connectivity (Source: ICCSAI - Fact Book 2014) 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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