



BOLOGNA AIRPORT: OVER 3 MILLION PASSENGERS IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS

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One more month on the rise for Bologna Airport. May recorded **731,478 passengers** with an **increase of 0.9%** on the same month last year. Despite the brilliant start of new **Summer flights (Athens** operated by Aegean, **Tblisi** by Georgian, **Mykonos** served by Ryanair and the Russian destinations **Ekaterinburg, Kazan, Krasnodar, Moscow Domodedovo, Rostov and Samara** with Ural) and the introduction of additional frequencies on already served routes (Alitalia to **Catania**, KLM to **Amsterdam**), the growth was slowed down by a number of strikes, both domestic (air traffic controllers and handlers) and international (airlines).

In detail, **international passengers were 560,176** and **domestic passengers were 171,302**. Flight movements were **5,815**, with a slight decrease of -2.2% while **air freight totaled 3,423 tons with a decrease of 8.8%**.

The three most popular destinations in May were: Catania, Barcelona and London Heathrow, followed by Frankfurt, Rome Fiumicino, Paris Charles de Gaulle, Madrid, Palermo and Amsterdam.

In the first five months of 2018, Bologna Airport's total passengers were 3,242,541, with a growth of 5.8% on the same period last year. Flight **movements were 26,357**, increasing by 1.7% versus the previous year. **Air cargo** recorded a slight decrease (-2.8%) with 16,675 transported 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 eighth biggest Italian airport by passenger numbers, with more than 8.2 million passengers in 2017, 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 International hubs make Bologna Italy's fourth airport 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 among its strategic objectives in the next few years an important development plan that mainly concerns the expansion of the terminal, particularly in the parts of security checks and gate area. 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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