



BOLOGNA AIRPORT, PASSENGERS INCREASED BY 6.4% *Over 3 million passengers since the beginning of the year*

A continuous sound growth has been registered at Bologna Airport. In May passengers were **724,957**, with an increase of **6.4%** compared to May 2016 and **exceeding for the first time in the Airport's history the threshold of 700 thousand in this month**, a double monthly record that was broken in April, too. In detail, international passengers reached 554,213 and domestic passengers were 170,744.

Flight movements totaled **5,948**, with an increase of 1.7% on May 2016, while air cargo performed very well, too, growing by **11.9% (3,752 tons)**.

Among the **most popular destinations** in May, Catania ranked first followed by Barcelona, Frankfurt, Paris Charles De Gaulle and Madrid. Compared to May 2016, a buoyant growth was delivered by Lisbon (+90.2%), Düsseldorf (+46.5%), Moscow (+43.6%), Cagliari (+29.0%) and Munich (+23.0%), as a result of a larger seats offer to those destinations.

In the period January – May the total number of passengers exceeded 3 million, reaching 3,064,323 (+6.8%). Flight movements were 25,927, with an increase of 2.6%. Air cargo traffic delivered a sound growth as well, with 17,160 tons (+9.3%).

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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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