



BOLOGNA AIRPORT: PASSENGERS INCREASED BY 5.7% IN JANUARY ***A strong growth of air cargo traffic +22.4%***

A positive start of the year for Bologna Airport which registered a **passenger traffic increase of 5.7%** in January versus the same month in 2016, totaling **539,245 passengers**.

International passengers grew by **5.8% (403,113)** and **domestic passengers** increased by **5.7% (136,132)**.

In January 2017 Bologna Airport recorded **21 months of continuous growth**, 2016 being a record year in airport's history, exceeding for the first time the seven million passengers threshold, with an **increase of about 800 thousand passengers compared to 2015**.

Among the **most popular destinations** in January, Catania ranked first, followed by Palermo, Madrid, Frankfurt and Paris Charles De Gaulle. Dubai confirmed its position in the top-ten ranking, with more than 18 thousand passengers in only one month.

Flight movements were **4,740**, with a growth of **1.7%** on January 2016. **Air cargo** confirmed the excellent performance of the previous year, with an increase of **+22.4%**, reaching **3,117 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 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 European continental hubs make Bologna Italy's fourth airport in 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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