



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **AEROPORTO GUGLIELMO MARCONI DI BOLOGNA S.p.A.: further investment to strengthen the connectivity and the mix-mode commuting of the Airport**

**Bologna, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015** – In order to strengthen the connectivity and the mix-mode commuting of the airport, today the Executive Board of the company approved a further subsidy to Marconi Express S.p.A., the concessionary for the rail connection between the Central Station and the Airport called “People Mover”.

Given that the overall cost of the project has not had any change and considering the new contribution of the local subjects involved, the Board approved a further investment with the aim to contribute to the works that the concessionary company will realize.

The investment equal to 2 million euros joins the commitment already taken of approx 13 million euros of which 8,8 million by subscription of EFI (“equity financial instruments” laid down by the last paragraph of Article 2346 c.c.) by Marconi Express S.p.A. Therefore, the overall amount invested by the company is equal to approx. 15 million euros.

Also the amount approved today will be an EFI and like the amount already subscribed will be finalized after verifying some conditions concerning the supply of contribution, the allocation of founding and the authorization expected for the realization of the works. All these conditions are indispensable for operation like that, financially free in different moments, closely related to the effective realization and to the finalization of the work.

The company has decided to support this project, considering the strategic value related to the improvement of the mix-mode commuting of the airport through a faster direct link with the high-speed rail network.

The People Mover expects, when completed, the journey between Bologna’s Airport and the Central Rail Station in less than 10 minutes, with positive impacts both for passengers departing from the metropolitan area and all the passengers that use the train to reach Bologna and its airport.

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***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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