

<u>PRESS RELEASE</u>AEROPORTO GUGLIELMO MARCONI DI BOLOGNA: proposal for 2016-2019 new charges published and subjet to the assessment of the Regulation Authority (ART).

Bologna, July 17th, 2015 – The Consultation with Users on the 2016-2019 new charges proposal ended today with the final signature of the Meeting Report of the Public Hearing which took place last June 17th.

The new charges proposal will now be published on the company website <u>www.bologna-airport.it</u> in the section *Business Aviation/Aviation Charges* of the area *The Company* and will be verified and validated by the Regulation Authority (ART) according to time and methods ruled by the "Regulatory Model" written by the Authority itself (Model 1 ruling Airport with passenger traffic above 5 million per year).

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 about 6.6 million passengers in 2014, of which over 70% are 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 make Bologna Italy's fourth airport in for 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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