



BOLOGNA AIRPORT: 80 THOUSAND PASSENGERS IN JANUARY
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Bologna Airport starts 2021 still in the sign of pandemic outbreak. Total **January's passengers did not reach 80 thousand (77,679)**, meaning a decrease of **89.0%** on January 2020, when the effects of Covid-19 emergency had not struck yet.

In detail, **domestic passengers were 35,804 (-75.8%)**, while **international passengers reached 41,875 (-92.5%)**. **Flight movements were 1,144 (-79.6%)** and **air freight recorded 2,980 tons, with an increase of 3.6% on January 2020**.

Passenger traffic is therefore still on a standstill, with **international flights heavily impacted by anti-Covid limitations** (travel bans to some Countries, swabs, quarantine, etc.), apart from the market still pushed by foreign workers living in Italy. A single bright spot: **air cargo performing in contrast with the trend, with encouraging growth signals, also resulting from the restarted exports of the territory local excellence** (luxury cars, clothing, engineering) to Far East and Arab Countries. Flights delivering vaccines to our Region continue to operate as well.

Flight limitations imposed to fight pandemic have also deeply changed the ranking of **January's "most popular" destinations** where **Catania, Casablanca and Tirana** rank in the first three positions followed by Palermo, Istanbul, Amsterdam, Madrid, Lamezia, Brindisi and Cagliari.

Bologna Airport is always committed to ensuring passengers' health safety. **At the end of January a paying rapid-antigen-test service was implemented for all passengers departing to Amsterdam** (the Netherlands require the result of a swab made in the 4 hours before departure). In the **next few days, a new Covid Test Point on payment, available to everybody, not only passengers, will be implemented**.

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***Aeroporto Guglielmo Marconi di Bologna**, classified as a "strategic airport" in the centre-north area of the National Airports Plan prepared by the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport, recorded in 2020 - a year affected by the global pandemic - 2.5 million passengers, ranking as the eighth biggest Italian airport by number of passengers (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.*

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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