



BOLOGNA AIRPORT: NEARLY 800 THOUSAND PASSENGERS IN MAY ***The gap with pre-Covid period falls to 3.2%***

The recovery trend has been going on at Bologna Airport. In May (**795,047 passengers**), the gap with pre-Covid period was furtherly reduced, marking **-3.2%** on the **same month in 2019** (last “normal” year). The three-digit growth on 2021 (+466.8%), on the other hand, is caused by Italy’s being still severely struck by the pandemic in spring 2021 and harshly affected by traffic limitations.

As was the case with previous months, May showed different trends as regards domestic and international flights. Domestic traffic recorded a significant growth even on 2019 (+17.7%), while international traffic, although in recovery as compared with 2019, is still lower than pre-Covid data (-8.8%).

In detail, in May **204,044 domestic passengers** were recorded (+155.5% on 2021) and **591,003 international passengers** (+878.0% on 2021).

May’s flight movements were 6,021, a decrease of 6.0% on 2019 (but a growth of 284.2% on 2021), while **air freight was 3,458 tons**, increasing by 8.9% on 2019 and 13.5% on 2021.

The most popular destinations in May were: Catania, Barcelona, Palermo, Madrid, Paris Charles de Gaulle, Bari, Frankfurt, Brindisi, Istanbul and Bucharest.

The **first five-month term** showed that passenger traffic’s recovery trend continues – as a matter of fact the negative gap with 2019 was furtherly reduced and a significant increase in passenger traffic on 2021 was confirmed. **Cargo is on the rise both on 2021 and 2019.**

In detail, the first five months **of the year registered 2,788,523 passengers** (-22.1% on 2019 and +529.2% on 2021), 23,289 flight movements (-19.0% on 2019 and +288.5% on 2021) and 17,221 tons of transported goods (+5.1% on 2019 and +13.3% on 2021).

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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 2021 - a year affected by the global pandemic – 4.1 million passengers, ranking as the eighth biggest Italian airport by number of passengers (Source: Assaeroporti – Aeroporti2030). 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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