



BOLOGNA AIRPORT: PASSENGER TRAFFIC SOUND GROWTH OF 12.0% IN MAY, 3 MILLION 500 THOUSAND PASSENGERS IN THE FIRST 5 MONTHS (+10.3%)

A two-digit growth was recorded again at Bologna Airport: in May passengers reached 800 thousand (**818,837***), a **sound increase of 12.0%** on the same month in 2018.

In detail, **international passengers** were **646,520** with a strong growth on 2018 (+15.4%) and domestic passengers (**172,317**) marked a slight increase (+0.7%).

Flight movements (6,396) were on the rise too (+10.0%) and **air cargo totaled 3,138 tons** decreasing by 8.3% on previous year.

May's three most popular destinations were: Catania, with over 36 thousand passengers, **Barcelona** (over 33 thousand passengers) and **Frankfurt** (30,000 passengers). The first-ten-destination ranking also includes: London Heathrow, Paris CDG, Rome Fiumicino, Madrid, London Stansted, Palermo and Amsterdam.

In this first five months, Bologna Airport's total number of passengers reached three million 500 thousand (3,572,078*) with a growth of 10.3%. Flight movements increased by 9.1% (28,745) and air freight went slightly down (16,345 tons, -2.0%).

**Note: this figure not includes direct transit passengers.*

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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, in 2017 was the eighth biggest Italian airport by passenger numbers, with 8.5 million passengers, of which 76,8% 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 2018 114 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 2017) 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 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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