



**BOLOGNA AIRPORT: 800 THOUSAND PASSENGERS IN APRIL, +11.7%.
TWO MILLION 800 THOUSAND PASSENGERS IN THE FIRST QUARTER (+9.8%)**

A two-digit growth was recorded again at Bologna Airport: in April passengers almost reached 800 thousand (**796,906**), a **sound increase of 11.7%** on the same month in 2018.

In detail, **international passengers** were **635,893** with a strong growth on 2018 (+15.7%) and domestic passengers (**161,013**) marked a slight decrease (-1.7%).

Flight movements (6,200) were on the rise too (+10.2%) and **air cargo totaled 3,125 tons** increasing by 2.1% on previous year.

April's three most popular destinations were: Catania, with almost 34 thousand passengers, **Barcelona** (nearly 33 thousand passengers) and **London Heathrow** (29,000 passengers). The first-ten-destination ranking also includes: Paris CDG, Frankfurt, Madrid, Rome Fiumicino, London Stansted, Palermo and Amsterdam.

In this first quarter, Bologna Airport's total number of passengers almost reached two million 800 thousand (2,757,453) with a growth of 9.8%. Flight movements increased by 8.8% (22,349) and air freight went substantially unchanged (13,207 tons, -0.3%).

After the launch of new connections in March and April, such as the flights to Corfù, Crotone, Helsinki, Heraklion, Marseille, Podgorica and Reggio Calabria, the **start of the new direct connection to Philadelphia is expected for 7th June**.

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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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