



## **BOLOGNA AIRPORT: A GOOD START FOR 2019, PASSENGER TRAFFIC +7.1% Catania, Barcelona and Paris Charles de Gaulle the most popular destinations in January**

Bologna Airport makes a good start in 2019: **641,159 passengers** were recorded in **January**, with a **growth of 7.1%** over the previous year.

In detail, **international passengers almost reached half a million (495,664)** with an increase of 10.2% while **domestic passengers (145,495)** registered a slight decrease of 2.3%.

**Flight movements, totaling 5,368**, were on the increase (+6.7%) and air freight decreased by 3.7% on last year (**3,308 transported tons**).

January's results are mainly driven by two different causes: **strengthened offer and more frequencies on international routes** (London Luton, Manchester, Alicante, Oporto, Amman, Kaunas were not operated in January 2018) and on the other side a slightly reduced offer on low-cost domestic destinations, such as Naples, Palermo and Trapani.

**The three most popular destinations in January were: Catania**, with 31 thousand passengers, **Barcelona** (26,500 passengers) and **Paris Charles de Gaulle** (24,500), followed by Madrid, Palermo, Frankfurt, Rome Fiumicino, London Heathrow, London Stansted and Dubai.

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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, is now the eighth biggest Italian airport by passenger numbers, with more than 8.5 million passengers in 2018, of which 77% 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 export and internationalization 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 International hubs make Bologna Italy's fourth airport for global connectivity (Source: ICCSAI - Fact Book 2017).*

*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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