



BOLOGNA AIRPORT, PASSENGER TRAFFIC INCREASED BY 12.4% IN FEBRUARY *Catania, Paris and Rome, the most popular destinations*

Bologna Airport's continuous growth is confirmed in February. After a sound performance in January (+11.1%), February delivered a strong **passenger traffic increase of 12.4% (542,489 passengers)**.

In detail, February 2018 recorded **403,743 international passengers and 138,746 domestic passengers**. Flight movements performed well, too: **4,552, for an increase of 6.4%** on the same month in 2017. **Air freight totaled 3,117 tons decreasing by 6.2%**.

The three most popular destinations were Catania, Paris Charles De Gaulle and Rome Fiumicino followed by Madrid, Palermo, Frankfurt, Barcelona, London Heathrow, London Stansted and Dubai.

In the first two months of 2018, passenger traffic reached 1,141,342, with a growth of 11.7% on the same period in 2017. Flight movements were 9,584 (+ 6.3%) and air cargo increased by 1.8%, with 6,554 transported tons.

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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 8.2 million passengers, of which 76% 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 2017 106 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 recently completed a major upgrade and expansion of the passenger terminal, while the capacity of aeronautical infrastructure is deemed adequate to accommodate the expected growth over the coming years. 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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