



## **BOLOGNA AIRPORT, ONE MILLION PASSENGERS IN THE FIRST TWO MONTHS** *A continuous positive trend is confirmed: +3.4% since the beginning of the year*

**One million passengers in the first two months of the year, with a growth of +3.4% compared to 2016.** Bologna Airport passenger traffic increased in February, too – **passengers were 482,509** with a 0.9% increase as compared to February 2016 (taking into account that 2016 was a leap year, with 29 days in February). In detail, international traffic reached 358,839 passengers, domestic traffic 123,670.

**Flight movements were 4,277**, with a **decrease of 4.1%** versus February 2016, whereas air cargo recorded a **2.6% increase (3,322 tons)**.

Among the **most popular destinations** in February, Catania ranked first, followed by Palermo and Madrid. The top-ten ranking includes: Frankfurt, London Stansted, Rome Fiumicino, Barcelona, Paris Charles De Gaulle, London Heathrow and Dubai.

**In the first two months of the year, the total number of passengers was 1,021,754 (+3.4%).** Flight movements were 9,017, with a decrease of 1.2% and air cargo recorded 6,438 tons (+11.4%).

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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 seventh biggest Italian airport by passenger numbers, with more than 7.5 million passengers in 2016, of which 75% 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 2016 103 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 2016) 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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