



## **DHL EXPRESS AND BOLOGNA AIRPORT ANNOUNCE THE REINFORCEMENT OF THEIR PARTNERSHIP WITH A NEW LOGISTICS CENTER**

**The global leader of logistics invests 26 millions of euros for a Gateway of 15.000 sq.m to be built at Bologna Airport.**

**Bologna, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017** – After ten years from the launch of the first operative area at Bologna Airport, the global leader of international logistics DHL Express Italy and the management company of **Bologna Airport (AdB)**, have subscribed today a deal for the creation of a **new logistics center of 15.000 square meters**.

The structure, which will consist of a warehouse with storages, offices and two fingers for trucks loading/unloading of about 5.000 sq.m and an external area dedicated to operational activities of about 10.000 sq.m, **will be realized by AdB by the end of 2020** and will be **given in sub-concession to DHL for 15 years**, extensible for an additional period of 10 years.

*“We are glad – has commented **Nazareno Ventola, CEO and Managing Director of Bologna Airport** – to sign this new deal with DHL: this is the demonstration of the goodness of the path we went through during these years in the cargo industry, a market that sees Marconi in a continuous growth with more than 47.000 tons of shipped goods in 2016, an increase of 16,4% compared to 2015. The new logistics center will be able to additionally improve the capacity for transportation of the goods produced by the companies based in our catchment area.”*

*“The investment strengthens our presence at Bologna Airport, through the construction of a **new, bigger and more innovative structure** than the one already existing; it is an essential element of our **strategy of Growth supported by Quality**, which includes also the expansion of Fiumicino, Malpensa, Venice, as well as the redevelopment of our operative platform. In a market where eCommerce, above all the one focused on goods, grows with one of the highest rates of the world, logistics will have a fundamental role able to attract and generate big business opportunities.”* has declared **Alberto Nobis, CEO of DHL Express Italy**.

The new storage will be provided with an **innovative system of sorting** that will permit to quadruple the current capacity and reduce shipments preparation time. Clients will benefit from an **improved flexibility** (early shipments and postponed pickup) and employees from more comfortable areas, thanks to the new office surface of 635 sq.m.

**Currently DHL has a daily connection from Bologna to its European hub in Lipsia**, using an Airbus 300-600 of about 35 tons of loading. In 2016 DHL has transported from/to Bologna more than 12.800 tons of goods. The launch of the new logistics center will allow to **manage an additional flight per day**, for an increased capacity of about 3.000 tons of

goods per year, becoming a strong support not only for the Italian economic system and but also for the process of internationalization of companies.

The project of the new gateway in Bologna has been presented this morning at the Fondazione Marconi headquarter in Villa Griffone, Sasso Marconi.

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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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