



BOLOGNA AIRPORT, PASSENGERS KEEP ON GROWING IN APRIL: +8.9%
More than 2 million passengers in the first 4 months of the year: total increase of +13.9%

Passengers keep on growing at Bologna Airport: in April **the increase was 8.9%** as compared to the same month in 2015, reaching **621,733 passengers**. This is the first time in the airport's history that **April exceeds 600 thousand passengers**, result that, in the past, had only been reached in summer months.

Growth was driven both by **domestic (+8.0%, 150,329)** and **international passengers (+9.2%, 471,404)**.

The increase registered in April was due to the **excellent trend of the flights to/from Rome (+34%)** which resulted in a significant rise of domestic traffic and also to the three new routes (**Athens, Thessaloniki and Vigo**) which improved a portfolio of more than 80 well performing international destinations.

Flight movements reached 5,258, with a growth of 3.2% versus April 2015, while **air cargo traffic (3.152 tons)** increased by a significant **+22.1%**.

In the first four months of year 2016, **traffic exceeded two million (2,187,661) passengers**, with a growth of 13.9% as compared to the same period in 2015. **Flight movements were 19,415 (+8.7%)** and air cargo reached 12,345 tons (+26,7%).

Latest news: since the beginning of May our catchment area has been given more opportunities to reach Sicily (new flights to **Catania** operated by Alitalia) and Germany, with three daily flights to **Dusseldorf** operated by airberlin that will enable our passengers to connect via the German hub to the USA and the Caribbean area.

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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 about 7 million passengers in 2015, of which 75% are 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 2015 102 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 fifth airport in for global connectivity (Source: ICCSAI - Fact Book 2015) 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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