



BOLOGNA AIRPORT, PASSENGERS GROWTH OF 12% IN MAY

Highest growth on domestic flights (+16.7%), good performance of international flights as well (+10.5%)

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Bologna Airport continues its extraordinary growth in the first part of 2016: **May registered an increase of 12.0%** as compared with the same month in 2015, **reaching 681,579 passengers.**

For the first time since the beginning of the year, growth has been driven by **domestic passengers, with a significant +16.7% (170,024 passengers).**

International flights performed very well too, **exceeding in May half a million passengers (511,555, +10.5%)** and still accounting for the largest share of traffic at Bologna Airport (75% of the total traffic in May).

The monthly trend was positively influenced by the **excellent performances of domestic destinations**, namely **Catania**, thanks to the return of the flights operated by Alitalia (+32.2% passengers), **Rome** (+76%) and **Cagliari** which reached +87%, especially as a result of Ryanair's new flights.

Among **international destinations**, **Bucharest** and **Copenhagen** are outstanding for their growth while **Dubai**, served by Emirates, confirms its strong appeal.

Flight movements reached 5,852 in May, **with an increase of 11.4% versus 2015**, while **air cargo traffic** recorded a **healthy increase (+35.1%, 3,353 tons).**

In the first five months of 2016 passengers traffic reached 2,869,240, with a growth of 13.4% as compared with the same period in 2015. **Flight movements were 25,267 (+9.3%)** and air cargo reached 15,698 tons (+28.1%).

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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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