



**BOLOGNA AIRPORT, PASSENGER TRAFFIC INCREASED BY 12.1% IN SEPTEMBER**  
*Almost 6 million passengers in the first nine months (+12.6%)*

**Another month with a double-digit growth** for Bologna Airport: in September passengers were **754,689**, a **12.1% increase** compared to September 2015, result that confirms the previous months' positive trend.

In September, too, like in August, growth was mainly driven by **domestic passengers, with a sound +17.1% (183,478 passengers)**, but **international traffic** performed very well, too, still accounting for the largest share of traffic: **+10.6%, for a total of 571,211 passengers**.

Among **the most popular destinations**, the three **London** airports rank on top followed by **Paris** and **Catania** airports. The other best loved destinations are Barcelona, Frankfurt, Madrid and Palermo. A significant traffic growth was also recorded on strengthened destinations such as Rome Fiumicino, Bucharest, Cagliari and Moscow.

**Flight movements reached 6,166** in September, **increasing by 10.8% compared to the same month in 2015** and **air cargo traffic** performed very well too, with a growth of **+9.8% (3,070 tons)**.

In the **first nine months of the year**, passenger traffic **almost reached 6 million (5,896,377)**, increasing by 12.6% versus the same period in 2015. **Movements were 49,980 (+10.0%)**, and air cargo reached 27,244 tons (+22.6%).

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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 nearly 7 million passengers in 2015, 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 10.7 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 fourth airport in 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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