



BOLOGNA AIRPORT: BAN ON NIGHT LANDINGS OVER THE CITY

From 10th January Enac Order follows up Noise Monitoring Committee's requests

“Between 11.00 p.m. and 6.00 a.m. planes are cleared to land exclusively on runway 12, unless otherwise requested by the Captain because of weather conditions or safety reasons, or if delays for traffic on departure are estimated to exceed 20 minutes”: this is what is stated by **Order 11/2016**, coming into force next January 10th, **issued by Bologna Airport's Enac Director**, as a result of Noise Airport Committee's works.

This procedure **has been strongly required by Bologna Airport (AdB)** and shared with Enac (Civil Aviation Authority), Enav (Air navigation service provider), Bologna Municipality, Calderara Municipality, Arpa Emilia-Romagna (Regional Environment Agency), Ministry for Environment and AOC (the Airlines representatives). **It places a night ban landings over the city, except for bad weather conditions, safety reasons or operational problems.** The same restriction had already been set previously for night take-offs. **Runaway 30 (to Modena) can instead be used for take-offs and landings. No negative impact is therefore estimated on current traffic volumes.**

Enac order also states: **“The Airport Management (i.e. AdB) will periodically check radar track data**, made available by Enav, in order to verify the Airlines' compliance with noise restrictions, and **will report to Enac for non – compliances, if any, for all subsequent actions.”**

Night landing restriction is **only the last one of a number of initiatives promoted by AdB in the last few years to manage the Airport's noise** impact (in 2016 prescribed limits have never been exceeded): the noise monitoring system, with results checked by Arpa and reported to the territory Agencies, the runway extension and the development of take-off procedures which have made take- offs possible over lower-density areas.

These steps and the use of lower noise-impact engines, **in the years 2008-2015 led to a 38% reduction of the people exposed to noise**, despite higher traffic volumes in terms of flight movements (+4%) and passengers (+63%).

AdB commitment on environmental sustainability is getting stronger with more initiatives to come: **new investments for over 6.5 million euros** have already been planned to set up a “green belt” to balance airport carbon emissions and protect water and natural sources surrounding the airport area, a cycle path along via del Trionvirato and a monitoring system for air quality.

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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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