



## **BOLOGNA AIRPORT: PASSENGERS ON THE RISE BY 9.9% IN JANUARY**

**Madrid reached the first place in the most-popular-destination ranking, followed by Catania and Barcelona**

Bologna Airport's traffic performed well in January: **passengers were 704,521, with an increase of 9.9%** on January 2019 while flight movement growth was lower, delivering an increase of **4.3% (5,601 movements)**. This was the first time Bologna Airport exceeded 700 thousand passengers in January.

In detail, **international passengers were 556,346** with a growth of 12.2% on 2019, while **domestic passengers were 148,175**, increasing by 1.8% versus January 2019.

**Air cargo** performance slowed down by 13.1% on previous year, totaling **2,875 tons**.

**January's three most popular destinations were: Madrid**, with 29 thousand passengers, **Catania** (over 28 thousand passengers) and **Barcelona** (over 27 thousand passengers). **The top-ten ranking also includes:** Palermo, Paris CDG, Rome Fiumicino, Frankfurt, London Heathrow, London Stansted and Dubai.

In the last few days, "**Conferenza dei Servizi**" (local and governmental agencies hearing) **gave the green light to Bologna Airport 2016-2030 Development Plan**, to support its traffic growth trend in a sustainable way, in compliance with the prescriptions of the Environmental Impact Assessment (VIA) Decree and the local implementing acts and agreements.

The Masterplan describes the construction phases of different projects, the most relevant ones being: the expansion of the Passenger Terminal, enlarging the terminal surface by over 20 thousand square metres, the construction of a multi-store car park dedicated to passengers and car rentals with 2,000 additional parking spaces and a "green belt" of about 40 hectares north of the airport to absorb carbon dioxide.

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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, in 2019 was the seventh biggest Italian airport by passenger numbers, with 9.4 million passengers (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.

*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 forth airport for global connectivity (Source: ICCSAI - Fact Book 2019).*

*As for airport infrastructure, the airport has among its strategic objectives in the next few years an important development plan that mainly concerns the expansion of the terminal, particularly in the parts of security checks and gate area. 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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