



## **BOLOGNA AIRPORT TAKES OFF IN 2018: PASSENGER TRAFFIC +11.1%** *Catania, Paris CdG and Madrid the most popular destinations*

After the records hit in 2017, with 8.2 million passengers and a growth of 6.7%, **Bologna Airport starts 2018 with a two-digit increase: in January passengers almost reached 600,000 (598,853)** with an increase of **11.1%** over the previous year.

In detail, January recorded **449,897 international passengers and 148,956 domestic passengers**. Flight movements **(5,032) increased by 6.2%** on the same month in 2017 and **air freight grew by 10.3% (3,436 tons)**.

**The ten most popular destinations in January were:** Catania, Paris Charles De Gaulle, Madrid, Rome Fiumicino, Palermo, Frankfurt, Barcelona, London Stansted, Dubai and London Heathrow.

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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 2017 was the eighth biggest Italian airport by passenger numbers, with 8.2 million passengers, of which 76% 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 2017 106 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 2017) 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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