



BOLOGNA AIRPORT: FOUR MILLION PASSENGERS IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR (+5.3%)

Busiest June ever: 780 thousand passengers with a growth of 3.2%

783,806 passengers passed through Bologna Airport in June, making it the busiest June ever, with an average of over 26 thousand passengers a day. Numbers were up 3.2% on the same month last year.

In detail, **international passengers were 602,375** and **domestic passengers were 181,431**. **Flight movements (6,073)** recorded a slight decrease (-1.6%) and air cargo traffic registered a **slowdown of 7.7%**, for a total of **3,381 tons**.

The three most popular destinations were: Catania, Barcelona and London Heathrow, followed by Rome Fiumicino, Paris Charles de Gaulle, Frankfurt, Madrid, Palermo, Amsterdam and London Stansted.

In the first six months of the year, Bologna Airport's passenger traffic reached 4,026,347, delivering a growth of 5.3% on the same period in 2017. **Flight movements were 32,430 with an increase of 1.0%** on previous year. This trend, well known in the aviation industry and confirmed at Bologna Airport, comes from passenger traffic growth being higher than flight movements growth, a performance reached through better use of aircraft capacity by Airlines and encouraging a more efficient use of Airport's infrastructure. **Air cargo transported 20,056 tons with a slight decrease (-3.7%).**

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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 eighth biggest Italian airport by passenger numbers, with more than 8.2 million passengers in 2017, 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 International hubs make Bologna Italy's fourth airport 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 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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