



BOLOGNA AIRPORT, “BUOYANT” FEBRUARY: PASSENGER GROWTH OF +20.1%
Almost one million passengers since the beginning of the year: 988,257, for a total increase of 16.9%

“Buoyant” February at Bologna Airport: passengers, totaling **478,285**, increased by **20.1%** as compared with the same month in 2015, with an unprecedented rise in the recent history of the Airport.

Growth was driven mainly by **international passenger traffic (+21.5%, 350,881 passengers)**, but **domestic passengers** reported a positive trend, too (**+16.5%, 127,404**).

February was the **tenth month in a row of continuous passenger growth** at Bologna Airport. The excellent trend of the month is mainly due to the **positive performances** of the **recently started or developed routes** (on top: Dubai, Cagliari and Bucharest), but also to the **mild weather conditions** which made it possible to perform the airport’s activity regularly, avoiding flight disruptions (unlike what happened in 2015 with some cancellations caused by snow).

Flight movements reached 4,460, with a healthy growth of **13.8% versus February 2015**, while **air cargo traffic increased by a significant +36.9%**, reaching **3,236 tons**.

With reference to this year’s progressive trend, **2016 first two months recorded 988,257 passengers**, with an increase of 16.9% as compared to the same period of 2015. Flight movements were 9,122 (+12%) and air cargo reached 5,781 tons (+28.9%).

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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 about 7 million passengers in 2015, of which 75% are 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 fifth airport in for global connectivity (Source: ICCSAI - Fact Book 2015) 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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