



**BOLOGNA AIRPORT, PASSENGERS GROWTH OF 12.2% IN OCTOBER**  
*Over 6.5 million passengers flew through the Airport in the first ten months of the year delivering an increase of +12.5%*

Bologna Airport continues its sound growth: in October **675,301** passengers flew through the Airport recording a **12.2% increase** on the same month last year and confirms the positive trend of the previous months.

As was the case in August and September, traffic growth was mainly driven by **domestic passengers**, with a significant **increase of 16.3% (165,889 passengers)**, but a double-digit increase was recorded also on **international flights** accounting for the largest share of traffic: **+11.0%, for a total of 509,412 passengers**.

**Catania, Barcelona and Madrid** resulted to be the **three most popular destinations in October**, followed by Paris Charles de Gaulle, Frankfurt, Palermo and Rome Fiumicino. A significant traffic growth was also recorded on flights to Cagliari, Moscow and Copenhagen, driven by their strengthened frequencies.

**Flight movements** reached **5,743, increasing by 11.0% compared to the same month in 2015**. **Air cargo traffic** performed very well too (**+16.2%**), transporting **3,396 tons**.

Over the first ten months of the year, passenger traffic was more than **6.5 million (6,571,678)**, increasing by 12.5% versus the same period in 2015. **Flight movements reached 55,723 (+10.1%)**, and air cargo was 30,640 tons (+21.9%).

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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 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 forth 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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