



Bologna, 8th May 2015 – Guglielmo Marconi Airport S.p.A. invests to improve the connectivity and the layover's intermodality

Today, Guglielmo Marconi Airport company has signed a binding agreement with Marconi Express S.p.A. to improve the connectivity and the layover's intermodality. Marconi Express S.p.A. is the concessionary for "People Mover", that is the connection on track between the Central Station and the Airport.

The agreement expects an investment equal to 8.872.500 euros by subscription of EFI ("equity financial instruments" laid down by the last paragraph of Article 2346 c.c.) by Marconi Express S.p.A. with the aim to contribute to the work that the concessionary company will realize. The EFI is subscribed by Bologna's Airport, verifying if some conditions concerning the supply of contribution, the allocation of founding and the authorization expected for the realization of this work are true. Conditions that are indispensable for operation like that, financially free in different moments, closely related to the effective realization and to the finalization of the work.

This investment is added to the commitment already taken in 2007 concerning the realization of the link boardwalk between the coming bus "Airport" stop of People Mover and the passenger terminal and the contribution of 2.7 million Euros aim at supporting this project.

The company has decided to invest heavily in this work, considering the strategic value related to an improvement of the layover accessibility through a faster direct link with the high-speed rail network.

The People Mover project expect, when it will be completed, the link between Bologna's Airport and the Central Station in less than 10 minutes, with positive impacts both for passengers in departure from the metropolitan area of Bologna and both for all the passengers that use the train to reach Bologna and its layover.

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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 6.6 million passengers in 2014, of which over 70% 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 2014 99 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 2014) 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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