

## BOLOGNA AIRPORT, PASSENGERS' GROWTH REACHED 8,6% IN NOVEMBER Over 6,3 million passengers have been recorded since the beginning of the year (+4,1%)

Another successful month for Bologna Airport: in November, passengers increased by 8,6% versus the same month in 2014, for a total of 518.962 passengers.

This result confirms the positive trend that marked the whole Summer season and grew stronger in the last three months, recording an average increase of additional 46.000 passengers per month.

Passengers' growth kept on rising steeply on international flights (382.181, accounting for an increase of 12,5% in the month), while passengers on domestic flights recorded a slight drop (136.108, decreasing by -1,1%).

Favorite destinations in November: the big European cities and Sicily. London, Paris and Palermo rank on top, followed by Madrid, Catania, Rome, Istanbul, Barcelona, Frankfurt and Amsterdam.

In the first eleven months of the year, overall passengers totaled 6.365.606, with a growth of 4,1% versus the same period in 2014.

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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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