



## "CONFERENZA DEI SERVIZI" GIVES THE GREEN LIGHT TO BOLOGNA AIRPORT MASTERPLAN

The "Conferenza dei Servizi", a local and governmental agencies hearing regarding the compliance of the 2016-2030 Airport Development Plan with the local urban planning, promoted by ENAC in relation to the update of the Bologna Airport Masterplan, ended today with the positive opinion, with prescriptions, released by Governmental and Local Authorities.

The infrastructure development projects included in the Bologna Airport Masterplan will be carried out supporting the development and the service levels of the airport with technical solutions and timing in order to accommodate present and future traffic growth in a sustainable way, in compliance with the prescriptions of the Environmental Impact Assessment (VIA) Decree and the local implementing acts and agreements.

The Masterplan describes the construction phases of different projects, the most relevant ones being: the expansion of the Passenger Terminal, with an increase in the terminal surface of more than 20.000 sqm, the construction of a multi-store car park dedicated to passengers and car rentals with 2,000 additional parking spaces, a "green belt" of about 40 hectares north of the airport, for the absorption of carbon dioxide, and other environmental compensation and mitigation works.

The positive opinion released today is an essential administrative step for the development of Bologna Airport Masterplan. This is the result of an active collaboration between the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure, the Italian Civil Aviation Authority ENAC, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Ministry of the Environment, Territory and Sea Protection, Emilia Romagna Region, Bologna Metropolitan Area, Bologna and Calderara di Reno Municipalities.

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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, in 2019 was the seventh biggest Italian airport by passenger numbers, with 9.4 million passengers (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.

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 for global connectivity (Source: ICCSAI - Fact Book 2019).

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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