



BOLOGNA AIRPORT: 93 THOUSAND PASSENGERS IN APRIL
Passenger traffic, especially international, is still being impacted by the restrictions caused by the pandemic outbreak

While travel restrictions imposed by the pandemic outbreak are still in force, one more negative month was recorded at Bologna Airport, especially as regards international traffic. **In April monthly passengers were slightly over 93 thousand (93,072), a decrease of 88.3% on April 2019.** The comparison with April 2020, harshly impacted by the lockdown, is not significant as flights were reduced to only one daily frequency to Rome Fiumicino.

In detail, **in April 2021 domestic passengers were 51,448** (-68% on April 2019), **while international passengers were 41,624** (-93.5% on April 2019). **Flight movements were 1,327** (-78.6% on April 2019), and **air freight was 3,081 tons**, recording a very low decrease (-1.4%) on April 2019.

The flight restrictions caused by the pandemic outbreak continue to affect also **the most-popular-destination ranking, where mainly Italian airports rank first.** This is **April's "top-ten destinations:** Catania, Palermo, Tirana, Rome Fiumicino, Bari, Amsterdam, Lametia, Madrid, Paris Charles de Gaulle and Istanbul.

During the first four months of the year, **total passengers were 302,874 (-89.0% on the same period in 2019)**, with 4,427 movements (-80.2%) and 12,158 tons of transported freight (-7.9%).

No recovery sign is therefore being recorded in the first months of 2021, especially as regards international flights which historically account for the largest market share of Bologna Airport. With the start of Summer flight schedules and the strengthening of vaccine campaign, the hope is this Summer will see a turnaround leading to progressive traffic recovery.

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Aeroporto Guglielmo Marconi di Bologna, classified as a "strategic airport" in the centre-north area of the National Airports Plan prepared by the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport, recorded in 2020 - a year affected by the global pandemic - 2.5 million passengers, ranking as the eighth biggest Italian airport by number of 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.

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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