



BOLOGNA AIRPORT: 140 THOUSAND PASSENGERS IN MAY
One more month in negative, but the first slight recovery signs were recorded thanks to reduced travel bans

May confirmed a negative trend at Bologna Airport although the first slight recovery signs were recorded, thanks to the progressive reducing of travel bans, both on the domestic and international markets, and the restart of some connections.

In detail: **monthly passengers were 140,278, (a decrease of 82.9% on May 2019). Domestic passengers were 79,850 (-53.9% on May 2019), while international traffic recorded 60,428 passengers (-90.7% on May 2019). Flight movements amounted to 1,567 (-75.5% on May 2019), and air freight reached 3,048 tons (-4% on May 2019).**

In the first five months of the year, the total number of passengers was 443,152 (-87.6% on the same period in 2019), with 5,994 flight movements (-79.2%) and 15,206 tons of transported goods (-7.2%). A slight reduction therefore is being observed in the gap between the current and the previous progressive figure, January-April, totaling -89% passengers, -80.2% movements and -7.9% transported goods as compared with 2019.

The average of daily passengers transported in May was on the rise as well, as compared with the first four months of the year. In May 2021 an average of 4,525 daily passengers were transported versus 3,102 in April, 2,307 in March, 2,165 in February and 2,506 in January 2021.

Despite these figures are still far from the pre-pandemic records, they show the progressive reduction of travel bans is giving good results, also confirmed by the ranking of the **most popular destinations where some international markets rank along with domestic airports. This is May's "top ten"**: Catania, Palermo, Bari, Rome Fiumicino, Tirana, Amsterdam, Madrid, Barcelona, Brindisi, Paris Charles de Gaulle.

The restart of some connections to BLQ and the launch of new ones such as Moscow (DME) operated by S7 Airlines, Olbia (OLB) operated by Wizzair since the beginning of May and especially the new flights that will progressively be added to the Airport's offer in June and July, in addition to the strengthening of the vaccine campaign, are a good omen for a turnaround leading to a progressive traffic relaunch.

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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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