



**BOLOGNA AIRPORT: OVER HALF A MILLION PASSENGERS IN JULY**  
*The increase in the number of vaccinated people and the re-openings, both domestic and European, are starting to produce significant effects on passenger traffic*

Thanks to the increase in the number of vaccinated people and to the re-openings, both domestic and European, Bologna Airport, although still far from the pre-Covid traffic levels, is beginning to see **the first signs of a renewed "desire to fly"** of Italians.

In fact, in July, **the total passengers of Marconi were 530,967** (-42.1% on July 2019, the last year before the pandemic), **with a strong leap forward in passengers on domestic flights, which reached 213,906** (in growth of 14.9% on July 2019). On the other hand, **passengers on international flights continue to drop to 317,061 (-56.7%)**.

**Aircraft movements were 4,698** (-31.6%), while **air freight amounted to 3,327 tons**, down 11.4% on the same month of 2019.

A **two-speed evolution is therefore being recorded**, with passengers on domestic flights that have exceeded pre-pandemic levels and those on international flights still held back by a regulatory and health safety framework, not always easy to understand.

To confirm the current trend, **also the "top ten" of the most flown destinations in July, where in the first 5 places we find only Italian airports**: Catania, Palermo, Olbia, Bari, Brindisi. In the ranking follow: Tirana, Casablanca, Barcelona, Bucharest and Amsterdam.

**In the period January-July 2021 total passengers were 1,301,363, down by 75.7% on the same period of 2019**, with 13,848 movements (-67.1%) and 21,771 tons of air freight (-6.2%).

**During 2021 there was a progressive increase in average daily passengers**: from 2,500 passengers per day in January to over 17,000 in July.

The difference with the pre-Covid numbers is still significant, but the intensification of the vaccination campaign and **the introduction of the European Greenpass** are elements that bode well for a further future 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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