



BOLOGNA AIRPORT: NEARLY 600 THOUSAND PASSENGERS IN OCTOBER *Over three million passengers have been recorded since the beginning of the year*

Month after month, Bologna Airport is steadily recovering passengers after the brisk stop caused by the pandemic outbreak. Although traffic data are still far from pre-Covid levels, in the first 10 months of the year Bologna Airport recorded over three million passengers.

In October, **passenger traffic was 582,776: a decrease of 27.8% on October 2019, the last year before the pandemic outbreak**, but an increase of 189.6% on October 2020, when the harsh travel restrictions had dropped passengers to only 200 thousand.

In detail, October saw a **strong traffic increase on domestic flights, 188,089 passengers accounting for +17.0% on October 2019** (and +64.1% on October 2020). On the other hand, **international traffic, 394,687 passengers, still registers a strong decrease on 2019** (-39.0% on October 2019, while a growth of 355.6% is recorded on the same month in 2020).

Flight movements were 4,879 (-21.7% on October 2019, +99.8% on the same month in 2020), while **air freight goods were 3,543 tons**, a growth of 4.7% on October 2019 and of 22.2% on October 2020.

A **two-speed trend** is therefore being confirmed, with **domestic traffic having already exceeded pre-Covid levels and international traffic still held back** by the world's health predicament.

This trend is also confirmed by **October's favorite-destination ranking where 4 Italian airports rank in the first 5 positions**: Catania, Palermo, Barcelona, Brindisi and Bari, followed by Madrid, Paris Charles de Gaulle, Tirana, Amsterdam and Cagliari.

In the first ten months of 2021 Bologna Airport's total passengers were 3,094,532, a decrease of 61.2% on the same period in 2019, with 29,043 flight movements (-52.9%) and 31,543 tons of transported goods (-0.5%). If compared with 2020, the figures registered from January to October 2021 mark a passenger traffic increase of 33.1%, with a growth of 20.7% as regards flight movements and +23.5% as regards air freight.

The difference with pre-pandemic figures is still remarkable, but the **strengthened vaccine campaign** (having reached over 83% of the Italians) and **Greenpass being implemented** also on domestic flights will certainly contribute to stimulate the industry's 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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