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IN 2017, RECORD PASSENGER NUMBERS AND A POSITIVE TREND IN COURIER FREIGHT FOR MILAN BERGAMO AIRPORT

Milan Bergamo Airport has closed its sixteenth year of continuous growth, ending 2017 with a new all-time record of 12,336,137 passengers; an increase of 10.54%, corresponding to 1,176,506 passengers more compared to 2016, and an average of almost 100 thousand more per month.

Forecasts which indicated the passing of the 12-million mark were respected, and the milestone was passed for the first time on 21 December 2017. The positive trend in passenger movement was supported in general by the entire network of connections operated by the airlines flying to and from the Bergamo airport, all characterised by an improvement in load factor. There was significant growth regarding non-EU flights, particularly towards destinations in Russia, Turkey, Israel and the Ukraine. Almost 126 thousand tons of air freight were transported in 2017, +6.95% compared to 2016. This is a final balance which confirms the consolidation of the sector of courier activity, driven by the growth of e-commerce, thanks to which a constantly positive trend was seen throughout the year. This activity plays a strategic role for the local manufacturing sector, which benefits directly from the presence of the nearby airfreight hub.

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