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### **Bergamo, European leader in 2015, moves up an ACI Europe category**

The dynamics of air transport in Europe meant that Bergamo Airport lead the way in the category of airports welcoming between 5 and 10 million passengers in 2015. Aided by the slight decline recorded in 2014 following a 20-day interruption of flight activity in order to complete runway resurfacing work, Bergamo Airport placed first in the classification drawn up in the ACI Europe (European branch of the Airport Council International) annual report, with an increase of 18.6% compared to the previous year. In terms of annual growth in passenger movement, Bergamo did better than Gothenburg (+18.1%), Berlin Schönefeld (+16.9%), Porto (+16.7%) and Glasgow (+12.9%). Examination of all the four categories into which ACI Europe divides airports, from those that welcome less than 5 million passengers to the huge intercontinental airports that welcome over 25 million, reveals that Bergamo is part of the 20% that grew by double figures. The majority of this group were in Ireland, Portugal, Greece, Romania, Hungary, Slovakia, Slovenia and Lithuania. The average increase of passenger traffic in the European Union was 5.6%.

Thanks to this performance in 2015, with a total of 10.4 million passengers, Bergamo Airport will move from Group 3 (from 5 to 10 million passengers a year) to Group 2 (from 10 to 25 million) in 2016, along with Birmingham, Budapest, Cologne Bonn and Stuttgart. At the same time, the airports of Istanbul Sabiha Gokcen, which showed an almost 20% increase in 2015, and Dublin (+15.3%) will move to Group 1. Bergamo will now have to compete with airports such as London Stansted (+12.8% in 2015), Athens (+19.1%) and Izmir (+12.1%).

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