



Bologna's New Central Station

Bologna is a natural crossroads for goods and people between Continental Europe and the Mediterranean basin. Its station, the nerve centre of the national railway system, is used by 96,000 passengers a day.

With the inauguration of the Milan-Bologna section of the High Speed Railway (TAV) in December 2008 and the completion of the Bologna-Florence section at the end of 2009, the station and its surroundings will undergo a radical change over the next few years. In 2006, a Territorial Agreement was signed between local authorities and RFI paving the way for the redevelopment of 35 hectares of land.

The agreement involves the construction of the new Central Station and the opportunity to develop new complementary urban functions in the surrounding area, including shops, offices and recreational facilities. RFI (Italian Railway Network), on the other hand, will be able to develop the railway district known as "Ravone" with 135,000 sqm of private service facilities, of which 70% residential and 30% for related functions.

An international competition was organised for the architectural and urban design of the **New Central Station**. With 52 entries, the winner chosen by the panel chaired by architect Gae Aulenti was the group headed by Arata Isozaki Associates of Milan, Arata Isozaki & Associates Co. Ltd, Tokyo, Studio associato M+T & partners of Florence, Arup Italia of Milan and Ove Arup & Partners International Ltd of London.

The new station will also serve as an intermodal hub at the heart of the national, regional and metropolitan railway system integrating all urban and suburban public transport systems, such as the High Speed train, the People Mover, the metropolitan tramway and the Metropolitan Railway System (SFM).

The new station is expected to serve 180,000 passengers and tourists daily, making it the city's main public transport transit point.

Plans for the areas adjacent to the new station include:

- The "Isola", an area situated between the main municipal office building, the new development in the former fruit and vegetable market and the railway, and will provide sporting facilities;
- A new 4 star hotel in the restored corner building opposite piazza XX Settembre, with direct connections to the new station and the future metropolitan tramway;
- A multi-purpose office block in the area of via Bovi Campeggi - West Platform including shops (ground floor), offices (first four floors) and two basement floors for parking;
- In the area of via Matteotti the building facing ponte Matteotti will be undergoing requalification including a new glass ceiling covering the inner court (Ferrovie dello Stato Group head office); the ground floor will be used for neighbourhood services and the upper floors for offices;
- In the area of via Muggia, between the ex Buton and the railway, a new halls of residence for students will be built (10,000 sqm).



Central Station

PLANNED WORKS

TOTAL SURFACE AREA

Railway station	58,136 sqm
Sports centre ("Isola")	4,320 sqm
Hotel	21,031 sqm
Office building	58,102 sqm + 35,400 for underground car parking
Extension of building in via Matteotti	6,710 sqm
Halls of residence	10,318 sqm

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