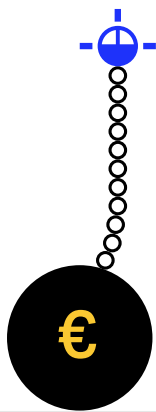
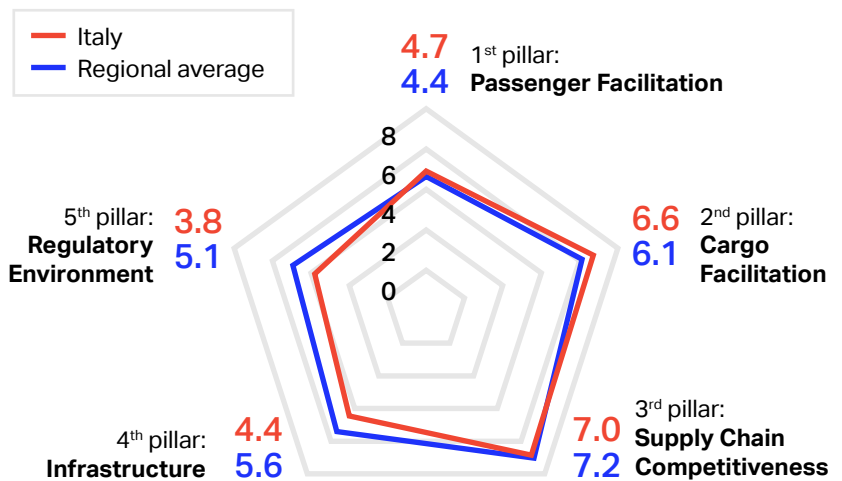


How Competitive is Air Transport in Italy?

Aviation supports 714,000 jobs and EUR 46 billion in economic activity in Italy

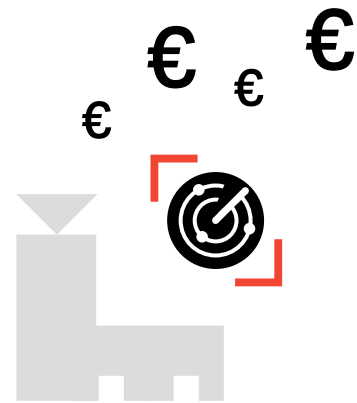
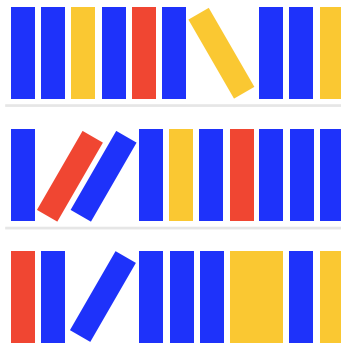
Increasing that contribution depends upon a **competitive air transport industry**.

This chart shows Italy matches the European average for the competitiveness of its passenger, cargo facilitation, and supply chain. But the competitiveness of regulations and infrastructure could be improved.



Airport and passenger taxes and charges are the **7th highest in the region**, making Italy more expensive as a business destination and a less attractive choice for tourists.

Italy's application of Smarter Regulation principles **lags regional peers**. Meaningful consultation and impact assessments should enable simple, coordinated rulemaking.

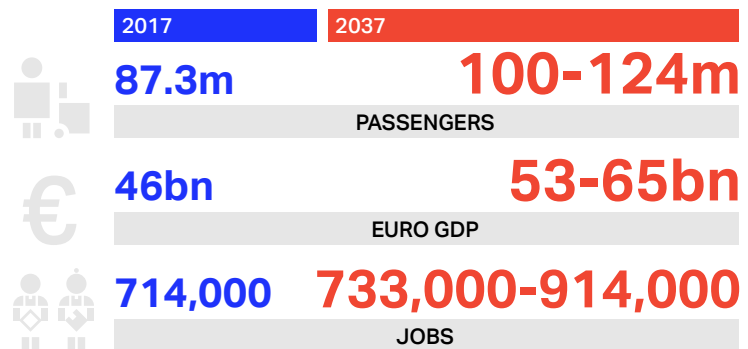


Airport and Air Traffic Management charging processes **lack transparency** and are **not aligned** with ICAO principles.

Recommendations

1. Remove or at least reduce the Council Tax; Avoid implementing the Italian Noise Emissions Tax for Civil Aircraft
2. Ensure transparent and fair airport charges through efficient consultation, aligned with international best practice
3. Focus on implementation of the National Airspace Strategy to further modernize Italian airspace

Forecast for departing passenger traffic, GDP and job growth



If these improvements are made, air transport could deliver even greater benefits to Italy by 2037.