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GREEN AND SMART PORTS
IN THE ADRIATIC IONIAN REGION.
THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE
EUROPEAN TERRITORIAL
COOPERATION BETWEEN ITALY,
CROATIA AND SLOVENIA.
Enhancing decarbonisation and digitalisation of EUSAIR ports through cooperation among logistic nodes and territories.

Maritime transport is the most sustainable way of transporting goods from the environmental and energy point of view. Also, the commercial ports, located near cities, play an essential role in the transport logistics system, as they allow the connection between the maritime and land routes, and represent an important factor for the growth of the economy and jobs. However, port operations also have an impact on air quality and greenhouse gas emissions.

At the same time, the fragmentation along the supply chain hinders the full economic potential of the involved territories. Digitalisation facilitates cooperation between supply chain actors, enables better visibility and real-time management of cargo flows, leads to the reduction of administrative burden, and allows for a better use of infrastructures and resources. All of this makes transport and logistics operations more efficient, not least by allowing easier integration of the different transport modes. By that, digitalisation contributes to decouple economic growth from transport growth by optimising transport flows and smart logistics solutions will help meeting environmental sustainability targets. Efficient coordination and a common strategy are needed, all the more necessary given that pollution and greenhouse gas emissions do not stop at national borders.

Ports of Croatia, Slovenia and Italy have been cooperating on improving both their decarbonisation and digitalisation capabilities over the last few years, through EU-funded projects: CLEAN BERTH - “Cross-border institutional cooperation for ports environmental sustainability and energy efficiency” (InterregItaly-Slovenia), SUPPORT – “SUSTainable PORTs”, PROMARES - “Promoting maritime and multimodal freight transport in the Adriatic Sea” and DIGSEA - “DIGitalisation of multimodal transport in the Adriatic SEA” (Interreg Italy-Croatia).

The seminar proposed by the Port Network Authority of the Eastern Adriatic Sea and the FVG Region is included in the activities foreseen by the EUSAIR Facility Point for the 2022 Work Plan of Pillar 2, section Transport. While reaping the results achieved through these projects, it aims at creating an institutional platform for long-term cooperation on decarbonisation and digitalisation of port activities between the two shores of the Adriatic Sea within the EUSAIR area.
AGENDA
8TH JUNE 2022

9:00 – 9:30  Registration / connection to the EUSAIR web platform

9:30 – 10:00  Welcome and opening speeches
• Mr. Graziano Pizzimenti, Friuli Venezia Giulia Regional Councillor for Transport
• Mr. Zeno D’Agostino, President of the Port Network Authority of the Eastern Adriatic Sea, Vice-President of the European Sea Ports Organisation
• Representative of the Italian Ministry of Infrastructure and Sustainable Mobility (tbc)
• Representative of the Croatian Ministry of Maritime Affairs, Transport and Infrastructure (tbc)
• Representative of the Slovenian Ministry of Infrastructure (tbc)
• Mr. Pierluigi Coppola, Coordinator of the EUSAIR Pillar 2 “Connecting the region”

10:00 – 10:30  European territorial cooperation for green and smart ports: the CLEAN BERTH, PROMARES, SUSPORT and DIGSEA projects
• Mr. Alberto Cozzi, Port Network Authority of the Eastern Adriatic Sea

10:30 – 11:30  Keynote speeches: Green and smart ports: challenges, strategies, solutions
• The new energy landscape. Impact on and implications for European ports, Mr. Michiel Nijboer Royal HaskoningDHV
• The green port in digital cooperation, Mr. Mikael Lind, Research Institute of Sweden
• EU priorities for smart and green ports in the EUSAIR area in the framework of the TEN-T revision, Mr. Alain Baron, European Commission, DG MOVE
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| 11:30 – 12:30 | Round table discussion  
Trilateral cooperation for green and smart ports: practice and outlook  
Moderator: Prof. Marco Mazzarino, Venice International University  
• Rijeka Port Authority  
• Luka Koper  
• Port Network Authority of the Eastern Adriatic Sea – Ports of Trieste and Monfalcone  
• North Adriatic Sea Port Authority – Ports of Venice and Chioggia  
• Port of Ravenna Authority |
| 12:30 – 12:45 | Partners of the CLEAN BERTH project sign the Joint Protocol for permanent cross-border cooperation on environmental sustainability and energy efficiency |
| 12:45 – 13:00 | Partners of the PROMARES project sign the Joint Protocol for permanent cross-border cooperation for enhancing maritime and multimodal freight transport through ICT |
| 13:00      | Conclusions and closing remarks  
• Mrs. Klaudia Feurle, European Commission, DG REGIO  
• Mrs. Laura Comelli, Managing Authority of the Interreg Italy-Slovenia CBC Programme  
• Mr. Hrvoje Grancarić, Joint Secretariat of the Interreg Italy-Croatia CBC Programme |

Buffet lunch