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## 1. Ex-ante situation – Background of the pilot action

The pilot action that Port of Ploče Authority carried out within the PROMARES project aims to find a solution to the challenges and solve problems that hinder the full development of the maritime and multimodal transport sector. This is mainly caused by the unbalanced development of the multimodal transport options and ICT solutions, especially regarding the solutions which exists in port of Ploče area.

The digitalization of port logistics and the implementation of the Port Community System has made it possible to give greater inputs to the activities streamlining the processes for ships, terminal cargo manipulations, trucks organization and administrative Custom and port authorities' procedures.



Figure 1 Port of Ploče

Within the PROMARES project Port of Ploče Authority has upgraded the Port Community System (PCS) Ploče as a ICT platform for message exchange and port operations. PCS represent the intelligent and secure platform for exchange of information between public and private entities of the maritime-port cluster with aim to optimize, manage and automate port and logistic services. Usage of this kind of systems are based on process optimization by reducing procedure times and minimizing the use of paper documents



PCS Ploče monitors the entire port process in real time and provides information on the status of porta operations, departure, and arrival times of ships through the tracking function, cargo manipulation and monitoring truck announcement and cargo transport.

Port of Ploče Authority PCS system will be integrated with the national Croatian Integrated Maritime Information System (CIMIS) with the aim of exchanging information in maritime business. Integration is based on defined provisions and standards agreed within the Project of the National Port Information System (nPCS) development. NPCS system will be used in all Croatian ports. Information exchanged between PCS and CIMIS will be further exchanged at the local level with existing systems and subsystems used by users in the Port of Ploče. Based on defined provisions and standards during the development of nPCS for Croatian ports, within the PROMARES project pilot actions have been implemented.

# 1 Pilot action description

The PROMARES project provided wider scope of possibilities to Port of Ploče Authority regarding the needed digitalization of the port operations and security in the Port of Ploče area. It has enabled to implement targeted interventions capable of improving and strengthening IT security, in relation to:

#### • Perimeter security and cyber security:

Strengthening the technological safeguards for the protection of networks and their perimeters with the aim of increasing the ability to optimize and balance the network traffic with the aim for optimizing data exchange in the port area and resolving bottlenecks of transport flows of goods while using PCS systems

#### • Backup and Disaster Recovery:

Port of Ploče Authority has upgraded the virtualization platform with the aim of ensuring better management of transport flows in port areas which can guarantee the continuity and operational availability of the PCS Ploče, and its rapid recovery following serious damage caused by cyber-attacks, accidental events, sabotage, natural disasters, or other problems.



Through project Port of Ploče Authority implemented PCS pilot related system upgrade and development services and development of the integration API-s, in relation to better exchange of data in the port area and resolving bottlenecks of transport flows of goods:

- Integration of PCS system and module for truck announcements with other control access subsystems and systems from other terminal operators. PCS system was for example integrated with truck cargo scale management system from terminal operator and data regarding cargo and truck weight have been exchanged to PCS truck announcement module. Based on PCS Truck announcements truck and cargo data have been exchanged to terminal operating system for the truck and cargo scale management.
- Integration of PCS module general cargoes, Customs with the system of TOS main concessionaires
- The Port Authority of Ploče is a user of the ERP system, which needed to be integrated with PCS system to exchange the necessary data and automate procedures. The integration of the system affects the port entrance procedures. Based on incidental situations in the maritime part, and the monitoring of the maritime aspect through the PCS system, based on the announcement of ships, truck and operational procedures, financial documents have been issued through ERP system and PCS system. With a aim of automating procedures and improving and optimising them, it is necessary to develop data exchange services and interfaces in the data receipt/transmission system in order to avoid unnecessary data overtaking.





Figure 2 PCS Ploce system login screen



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Figure 4 Vessel announcement regarding Custom data





Figure 5 PCS System Ploče Integration with Control Access system and LPR recognition system



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Figure 7 PCS System Ploče invoice summary



### 2 Stakeholders

Among the stakeholders involved in the project are the public bodies Ministry of Finance (Customs), Ministry of the Sea, transport and Infrastructure, Port of Ploče Authority, Security Guards, port operators and companies in the logistics sector (freight forwarders, transport companies). The PCS system allows the implementation of numerous services, and it is a tool for the public and private stakeholders which can facilitate and speeding up the operations to be carried out within the port.

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Information exchanged between PCS and CIMIS will be further exchanged at the local level with existing systems and subsystems used by users in the Port of Ploče.

# 3 Impacts and replicability

The PROMARES project has made it possible to develop intelligent solutions and a general management model that make it possible to exploit innovative technologies in favour of ports and related services.

The digitalization of port logistics and the implementation of the Port Community System has made it possible to give greater inputs to the activities streamlining the processes for ships, terminal cargo manipulations, trucks organization and administrative Custom and port authorities' procedures. PCS system Ploče represent the intelligent and secure platform for exchange of information between public and private entities of the maritime-port cluster with aim to optimize, manage and automate port and logistic services. Usage of this kind of systems are based on process optimization by reducing procedure times and minimizing the use of paper documents.



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PCS System in port environment will improve many parts of the processes in the port:

- Reporting to authorities is simplified. Information is distributed to the respective authorities in compliance with effective directives (very important because supply chain performance is increasingly driven by governmental regulations).
- Coordination of operations is enhanced at the physical, information, and financial layer. This means that cooperating and competing firms are bound together. PCSs enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of interactions between port community members and thus help to reduce processing costs by providing a central information network which increases visibility and data quality.
- Better data quality:
- The intrinsic category of data quality is related to data accuracy, objectivity, and reputation. PCSs enhance the accuracy of information by checking for input mistakes.
- Data accessibility is enhanced by centralizing community information as much as possible. The structured approach of information exchange via PCSs is better than information exchange through informal information channels. Information is detached from personal communication and thus made available on a 24/7 basis. PCSs also ensure data security by managing access rights and tracing unauthorized access



attempts. Information is only made available to authorized members of the port community.

- The contextual category of data quality comprises the dimensions of data relevancy, timeliness, completeness, and data complexity. Besides assuring accuracy, input validations performed by PCSs also enhance data relevancy and completeness. PCSs also help to reduce data complexity by capturing information once and reusing it for different applications, so the need to re-type data can be avoided ("single submission"). Information also becomes more transparent because changes can be traced back to individual organizations or users. Regarding data processing, PCSs can enhance the automation of core workflows and processes based on captured information.
- Representational data quality. Its main dimensions are data interpretability, ease of understanding, concise presentation, and consistent representation. PCSs standardize the message exchange among port community members. All companies involved use the same language in terms of data formats and transmitting services.
- Possibility to launch alert messages/status reports.
- Possibility to implement collaborative planning.
- Higher efficiency and speed regarding port processes for all parties involved.
- Reduction of paperwork. In this way, PCSs contribute to sustainable transport logistics and support the ambitions to meet global carbon reduction requirements.
- Using electronic data exchange, the PCS is an effective real-time information system; fast, focused, flexible and multi-faceted, it aims to improve efficiency at all stages of the process of manifesting, through vessel discharge and loading, Customs clearance, port health formalities and delivery in and out of the terminal. PCS offers also improved security, cost reduction and potentially more competitiveness for each user.