

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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PROMARES Project

**Transnational cooperation for the promotion of maritime and
multimodal freight transport**

**Protocol for the promotion of maritime and multimodal freight
transport through the development of ICT systems within port
communities**

PREAMBLE

In accordance with the principle of mutual benefit and common development and in order to reinforce and develop cross-border cooperation, the Port Network Authority of the Eastern Adriatic Sea, the North Adriatic Sea Ports Authority, the Venice International University, the Interporto di Trieste, the Institute for Transport and Logistics Foundation - ITL, the Port of Ravenna Authority, the Central Adriatic Ports Authority, the Southern Adriatic Sea Port Authority, the RAM Logistica Infrastructure and Transport S.P.A., the Port of Rijeka Authority, the Port of Ploče Authority, the University of Rijeka - Faculty of Maritime Studies Rijeka, hereinafter referred to as 'the parties', sign this protocol with the aim of strengthening the transnational institutional cooperation for the promotion of maritime and multimodal freight transport, developed within the PROMARES project, co-financed by the Interreg V-A Italy-Croatia Program 2014-2020.

ARTICLE 1

Common objectives

The cross-border cooperation carried out in the PROMARES Project highlighted the opportunity given by the Information and Communication Technologies applied onto the Port Communities. Particularly, maritime and multimodal transport of freight can be fostered by the enhancement of ICT, if relevant stakeholders of the port communities are involved, best practices are shared and the institutional subjects sustain it.

According to this framework 'the parties' will make their best to keep a high-level of interest and will be open to future developments with the aim at improving the intermodal freight transport solutions.

ARTICLE 2

Cooperation

'The parties' agree to pursue a mutual cooperation, also through future EU-funded projects and initiatives, and to make it by considering the following pillars, originated by the Cross-border Strategy Document developed by PROMARES Project:

- **the need to sustain an integrated governance, that enables a factual sharing of best practices, transport planning competences, data and ICT solutions to overcome the weak coordination and communication of all stakeholders, both between each port and its hinterland and between ports at cross-border level;**
- **the uppermost importance of the Port Community Systems in the capacity to manage effectively and coordinately both people and freight transport flows that are going in and out from the nodes of the logistic multimodal chain;**
- **the powerful effect of ICT lever, compared in terms of investment cost with the physical infrastructures. Lower costs can produce bigger results especially in the first phases of a process re-engineering;**

- the great attention that, nowadays, has to be paid for ensuring a solid Cyber Security of Port Community Systems and related suites, especially in the direction of a higher opening-up with stakeholders and new players.

ARTICLE 3

Administrative references

'The parties' agree to identify internal contact points for the implementation of the activities referred to in Article 2.

ARTICLE 4

Relation with other agreements

The present Protocol and its implementation is without prejudice to the execution of obligations arising from other multilateral or bilateral agreements which have been or will be signed and approved by 'the parties'.

ARTICLE 5

Enter into force

This Memorandum of Understanding will enter into force on the day of signature.

This Protocol is intended for a period of 3 years and after this period it will be renewed automatically for another period of 3 years, unless one or more of ‘the parties’ inform the others of the willingness to withdraw.

This Protocol – written in English language – is composed by a preamble and 6 articles.

ARTICLE 6

Modifications

This protocol can be modified by mutual agreement of ‘the parties’ if a written request is done by one of ‘the parties’. The amendments will have to be in writing and will enter into force on the day of the signature, constituting an integral part of the present Protocol.

Trieste, 8th June 2022

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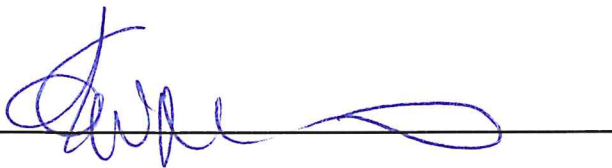
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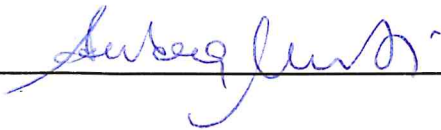
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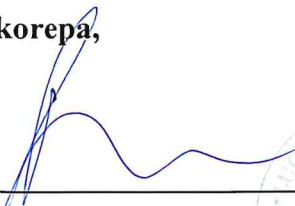
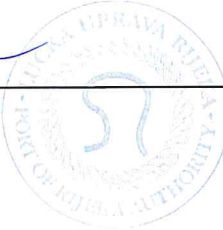
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