

EVENT FOLLOW-UP REPORT

Organisation of the event "*Green and Smart Ports in the Adriatic-Ionian Region. The contribution of the European territorial cooperation between Italy, Croatia and Slovenia*", held in Trieste on June 8th 2022.

Event summary

Type of event	Online and physical
Location	Trieste
Date of the event	8 th June 2022
Time/Duration	4 hours
Purpose of the event (What was the objective?)	<p>The aim of the meeting was to systematise best practices among the partners of the three countries in the environmental field and to foster an integrated and sustainable approach to solving shared problems. In recent years, the ports of Italy, Slovenia and Croatia have been working together to improve their decarbonisation and digitalisation capacities through a number of EU-funded projects. The event was the DIGSEA Kick-Off Meeting, as well as the final conferences of the PROMARES (Interreg It-Hr) and CLEAN BERTH (Interreg It-Si) projects, and a mid-term event of the SUSPORT project (Interreg It-Hr).</p>
Short description of the event (what happened during the event?)	<p>Today, ports play an essential role in the transport logistics system, constituting an important factor for the growth of the economy and employment. It should be noted, however, that while maritime transport is the most sustainable way of transporting goods, port operations also have an impact on air quality and greenhouse gas emissions. Another aspect to consider is the fragmentation of the supply chain, which can hinder the realisation of the full economic potential of the territories involved. On this point, digitisation can facilitate cooperation between actors in the supply chain, achieving environmental sustainability goals.</p> <p>Among the other speakers were Michiel Nijboer from Royal HaskoningDHV, who presented the results of a recent study on the options that ports have to improve their environmental performance, Mikael Lind from the Research Institute of Sweden and author of the handbook Maritime Informatics, who illustrated how the digitisation of ports can promote energy transition, and Alain Baron from the European Commission, who discussed EU strategies and policies in this field.</p>

	<i>Given the similar scope – port environmental sustainability -, PNAEAS, LP of the DIGSEA project – introduced the main project content and underlined the importance of a fruitful exchange of experiences and cross-fertilisation between EU-funded projects CLEAN BERTH, PROMARES and SUSPORT.</i>
<i>Results/Outcomes of the event (What are the takeaways from the event?)</i>	<i>The event underlined the important role of ports in minimizing the environmental impact through new technologies available and the importance of the results achieved thanks to European funds.</i>
<i>Number of attendees</i>	<i>64 (plus online attendances)</i>
<i>Type of stakeholders/target groups that were represented</i>	<i>Research, Marine and scientific institution and academia, port authorities and regional and European policy makers.</i>

Agenda:



MIB - Trieste School of Management,
Largo Caduti di Nassiriya, 1,
Trieste Conference Hall "Ferdinando"/online

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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.

Digitalization 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, digitalization contributes to decouple economic growth from transport growth by optimizing 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 decarbonization and digitalization capabilities: over the last few years, through EU-funded projects: OLEAN BERTH - "Cross-border institutional cooperation for ports environmental sustainability and energy efficiency" (Interreg Italy-Slovenia), SUSPORT - "Sustainable PORTS", PROMARES - "Promoting maritime and multimodal freight transport in the Adriatic Sea" and DIGSEA - "Digitalization 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 decarbonization and digitalization of port activities between the two shores of the Adriatic Sea within the EUSAIR area.



AGENDA	
8 th JUNE 2022	
9:00 – 9:30	Registration / connection to the EUSAIR web platform
9:30 – 10:00	<p>Welcome and opening speeches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Graziano Pizzimenti, Friuli Venezia Giulia Regional Councilor for Transport • Mr. Zeno D'Agostino, President of the Port Network Authority of the Eastern Adriatic Sea, Vice-President of the European Sea Ports Organization • Mr. Carlo Zijno, Italian Ministry of Infrastructure and Sustainable Mobility • Mr. Marko Boban, Croatian Ministry of Maritime Affairs, Transport and Infrastructure • Mrs. Katarina Goli, Slovenian Ministry of Infrastructure • Mr. Pierluigi Coppola, Coordinator of the EUSAIR Pillar 2 "Connecting the region"
10:00 – 10:30	<p>European territorial cooperation for green and smart ports: the OLEAN BERTH, PROMARES, SUSPORT and DIGSEA projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Alberto Gozzi, Port Network Authority of the Eastern Adriatic Sea
10:30 – 11:30	<p>Keynote speeches: Green and smart ports: challenges, strategies, solutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new energy landscape. Impact on and implications for European ports, Mr. Mikael Nilsson 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	<p>Round table discussion Trilateral cooperation for green and smart ports: practice and outlook Moderator: Prof. Maroo Mazzarino, Venetian International University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 Venetian and Chioggia • Port of Ravenna Authority
12:30 – 12:45	<p>Partners of the OLEAN BERTH project sign the Joint Protocol for permanent cross-border cooperation on environmental sustainability and energy efficiency</p>
12:45 – 13:00	<p>Partners of the PROMARES project sign the Joint Protocol for permanent cross-border cooperation for enhancing maritime and multimodal freight transport through IOT</p>
13:00	<p>Conclusions and closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Klaudia Feurle, European Commission, DG REGIO • Mrs. Laura Comelli, Managing Authority of the Interreg Italy-Slovenia CBO Programme • Mr. Hrvoje Granoarić, Joint Secretariat of the Interreg Italy-Croatia CBO Programme

Buffet lunch



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CROATIAN AND SLOVENIAN WILL BE AVAILABLE**

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