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HOT SEAT **Interview with Pino Musolino**



Pino Musolino sits in our hot seat this month. Check out his thoughts on the Mediterranean - through the lenses of climate change mitigation, innovation, port development, international collaboration, geopolitics, and more.

[Check out the interview](#)

Member and Industry News



The Fundación Valenciaport joins the Alliance for Dual Vocational Education and Training (FP Dual)

The Fundación Valenciaport has joined today the Alliance for Dual Vocational Training in a ceremony held at the facilities of the Port Authority of Valencia (APV) and chaired by Manuel Gomicia, General Director of

Vocational Training and Special Regime Education of the Generalitat Valenciana; Joan Calabuig, President of the APV, and Antonio Torregrosa, General Director of the Fundación Valenciaport.

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The MSC Loreto calls at the Port of Algeciras

The megaship MSC Loreto, currently the largest container ship in the world with a capacity for more than 24,300 TEUs, has called at APM Terminals Algeciras.

The president of the Port Authority, Gerardo Landaluce, accompanied by the heads of MSC, APMT Algeciras and the APBA itself, has handed over a commemorative metope of its first call in the Strait to the captain, Andrzej Spisak, who has detailed that the ship incorporates the latest technology and advances to reduce consumption and emissions.

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Positive 2022 Evolution of Traffic in Mediterranean ports

The MEDports Association gathers its members' Ports Traffic twice a year (S1 and S2) to accurately show how the MED is doing well in growth.

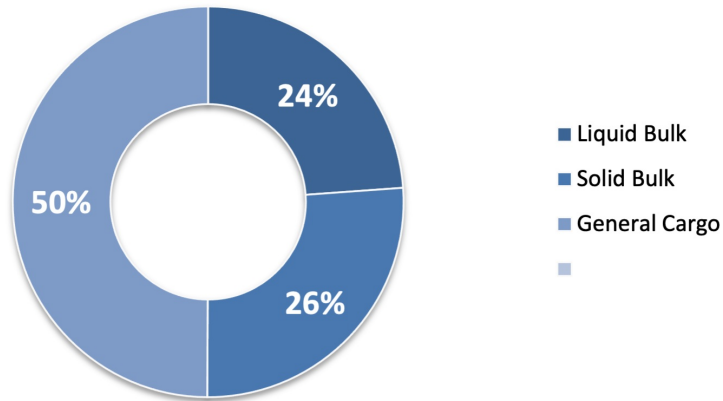
With 20 members sharing their Ports Traffic, it showed 794 Million Tons of total throughput and 30,9 Millions TEUs. In comparison with 2021, the new results are as follows:

- Increase of 2.3% of total throughput
- Decrease of 0.09% of general cargo
- Increase of 10.43% of liquid bulk
- Decrease of 1.11% of solid bulk

The increase affects all types of goods with the exception of solid bulk goods at 204.6 million tonnes, mainly affected with a 1.11% decrease compared to 2021. General merchandise, at 389.7 million tonnes, therefore decreased by 0.9% compared to 2021. The decrease is marginal and can be interpreted as a good token of the Mediterranean dynamism.

In conclusion, the recovery of ports' activity is evidenced despite the 2022 disruptions.

Port Traffic 2022



YEP MED in Spain ignites the Talent Revolution

On the 24th of May 2023, a group of 39 participants, hailing from eight port communities, arrived in Barcelona (Spain) ready to embark on a truly unique journey, the YEP MED Talent. Little did they know that this journey would transcend the boundaries of a typical training programme, ultimately transforming their lives and forging lifelong connections and friendships.

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TOULON : A new port engine at the Toulon naval base

23 May 2023

On Friday 26 May 2023, starting at 10:15 a.m., a symbolic ceremony of admission to active service of the 30-ton port tug (RP30) Céladon and withdrawal from active service of the coastal tug Voith Schneider (RCVS) Bison, presided over by Vice-Admiral Gilles Boidevezi, commander of the Mediterranean maritime area and district, took place at the Toulon naval base on the Castigneau 3 quay.

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Port and terminals in the Mediterranean Rail freight Corridor 6 (RFC6) of the EU report significant increases in intermodal

traffic in 2022

The Terminal Advisory Group (TAG) of the Mediterranean RFC6 reported globally good results for rail intermodal traffic in the 12 ports and more than 100 terminals included in the corridor.

Despite the difficulties experienced in 2022 (disruptions of supply chains, social unrest in some EU countries, increase in energy prices and shortage of rail staff and equipment) most terminals and ports in the RFC6 had substantial increases of rail traffic. The ports in the North Adriatic (Trieste, Koper, Rijeka, Venice, etc.) reported again the highest rail market share of all the ports included in the Corridor. In general, ports in Spain had also positive results.

For inland terminals, Terminal Marítima Zaragoza in Spain, Le Boulou rail complex in the south of France and Verona Quadrante Europa in Italy were the terminals with the highest rail traffic volumes handled along the corridor in 2022. The Italian terminal reached a total of more than 400,000 rail movements.

Source: TAG from Mediterranean RFC6

MEDports News



Fundación Valenciaport becomes new associate of MEDports

12 June 2023

Fundación Valenciaport, one of MEDports Training Centers, now becomes an Associate Member!

We are very pleased to welcome new members who always bring new ideas and energy into our MEDports Association.

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MEDports General Assembly held in Barcelona

11 June 2023

The annual General Assembly was held in Barcelona on 7th of June 2023 hosted by Port de Barcelona. This gathering is always an important opportunity to engage with our members, consider our progress, and look

forward to what the future holds for the MEDports Association.

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5th edition of the MEDports Forum takes place in Barcelona

8 June 2023

The fifth edition of the MEDports Forum was organized by the MEDports Association together with ASCAME in the framework of the 25th anniversary of SIL Barcelona in Barcelona, Spain, on 8th of June, 2023. This year, the theme of discussion focused on, Ports as Nodal Points in the Maritime Sector.

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4th MEDports Training Programme on Digital Transformation

May 2023

Organised by the Valenciaport Foundation, this course provided 24 hours of training with expert lectures, workshops and visits to port facilities.

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MEDports Staff Exchange Programme

May 2023

The first staff exchange between OMMP and Port de Barcelona took place in Barcelona over three days.

Two engineers representing the OMMP (Office de la Marine Marchande et des Ports) were present in Port de Barcelona to benefit from the discovery of port management and digital transformation within the experience of Port de Barcelona in addition to having a visit to the Logistics Activity Zone of the port.



MEDports Cooperation and Partnership Committee

11 May 2023

The Committee agreed to continue organising courses, discussed new chairmanship of the committee, discussed a new report on professional profiles, and more.

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Anchor for your calendar

**November
2023**
Tunisia

5th MEDports Training Programme

Stay tuned...

**11-12 December
2023**
Casablanca, Morocco

Cooperation and Partnership Committee

A meeting of the Cooperation and Partnership Committee will take place in Casablanca.

**11-12 December
2023**
Casablanca, Morocco

MEDports Seminar dedicated to Small/Medium MED Ports

The action plan of the Association is in continuous development according to the rapid changes from year to year, both in terms of activities and goals. The Association is organizing a seminar dedicated to small ports on 11-12 December 2023 in Casablanca, Morocco, on the sidelines of the Cooperation & Partnership Committee meeting, in honor of seeking for the integration of more small ports into the Association.

February

2024

Athens,
Greece

Promotion Committee Meeting

Save the date!

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Greece

MEDports Seminar on Island Ports and Sea Shore Shipping

This will take place on the sidelines of
the Promotion Committee Meeting.

The MEDports Association

Created in 2018, MEDports is the Association representing the interests of Mediterranean ports. Its membership represents about 70% of freight and 90% of passenger traffic in the Mediterranean- Algeciras, Arzew, Barcelona, Bastia, Bejaia, Beirut, Cartagena, Civitavecchia, Durrës, Hellenic Ports Association, Igoumenitsa, La Spezia, Luka Koper, Malta Freeport, Marseille Fos, Moroccan Ports Agency (ANP), Office of the Merchant Navy and Ports (OMMP), Serport Group, Sète, Skikda, Tanger Med, Taranto, Toulon, Valencia and Venice. The Association has also several training institutions from the region as associate member.

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