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Featured:

HOT SEAT

Charting the Course: North African Ports' Resilience and Transformation in a Changing World



Mr. Foued Othman, the CEO of the OMMP Port Authority and Maritime Administration in Tunisia, and the Executive Vice-President of the MEDports Association, sits in our hot seat this month. Check out his thoughts on the state of play of the North African ports and the growing collaboration projects throughout the Mediterranean.

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Member and Industry News

World's 1st green methanol-powered containership docks in Egypt



The world's first containership powered by green methanol has reached East Port Said, Egypt, its third bunkering stop on its maiden journey from Ulsan, South Korea to Copenhagen, Denmark, through the fastest maritime crossing connecting East and West continents. The arrival of the vessel to Egypt coincides with a major expansion at the East Port Said, which is affiliated to SCZONE, including the integration between the port and the industrial zone in East Port Said. Specifically, Egypt is investing strenuous efforts to turn SCZONE into a clean energy production and green fuels hub.

TangerMED port's July Newsletter

Tanger Med port's newsletter is out, including news about Marsa Maroc joining the MSCI FM Index, the port's ranking as the 4th most efficient in the world, the installation of the Indore Terminal at the Indore Industrial platform, and the results of the first Admissions at Lymed.

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Sustainable Logistics Takes the Stage: Escola Europea to participate at SeaFocus ESG Summit

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Leverage from
the EU
2014-2020

Scheduled for October 4th in Naantali, Finland, the Summit serves as a gathering of industry luminaries, experts, and professionals deeply committed to the principles of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) within the maritime and logistics sectors.

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Port Training Institute, affiliated to Arab Academy for Science, Technology & Maritime Transport, a Hub for International Maritime Cooperation Fostering Connectivity and Collaboration.



The Port Training Institute has established a formidable international presence through extensive collaborations with countries worldwide, encompassing conferences, joint courses, and international projects. Notably, they have played a pivotal role in the EU's YEPMED project, which focuses on preparing and training youth for employment in ports, in collaboration with partners from the southern and northern Mediterranean regions. Furthermore, the Institute hosted a training program, "Skill Enhancement Digitalization of Supply Chain Management," on August 23rd, in conjunction with the College of Engineering and Technology at the Arab Academy for Science, Technology, and Maritime Transport, the Damietta Port Authority, and the Aqaba Development Corporation, welcoming participants from Aqaba, Jordan, and Damietta, Egypt.

The Port Training Institute's global engagement also featured prominently with Prof. Alaa Morsy, its Dean, participating in the 7th International Cooperation Forum for the Maritime Silk Road from July 17th to 19th, 2023. Organized by the Global Shipping Think Tank Alliance and supported by the Ministry of Transport of the People's Republic of China, this prestigious forum brought together organizations and institutions from China and Europe, with Prof. Alaa Morsy being the sole Arab participant, highlighting the Institute's unique role in fostering international cooperation. Furthermore, the Institute expanded its collaboration with China by hosting an online joint training program with the Qingdao Technical Training Institute, covering "Modern Systems in Port Equipment Maintenance Planning" from July 30th to August 3rd, 2023. This program drew participants from Egypt, Yemen, and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, strengthening the Port Training Institute's global reach and impact.



YEP MED selected as Top-18 Finalist in Sustainability Awards of the International Association of Ports and Harbors

#IAPH2023 SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS CANDIDATE

COMMUNITY BUILDING



Collaborative project

Youth Employment in Ports of the Mediterranean



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MEDports celebrates the success - as a YEP MED associated partner

YEP MED has achieved a significant milestone by securing a spot as one of the top-3 finalists in the "Community Building" category for the prestigious IAPH (International Association of Ports and Harbors) Sustainability Awards.

Out of a remarkable pool of 86 projects from across the globe, YEP MED has risen as a distinguished contender, showcasing remarkable dedication and innovation in the field of **community building**.

[Read more](#)

Spotlight on MedWaves: Pioneering Sustainable Solutions for a Blue Future



In our shared pursuit of establishing a Sustainable Blue Economy in the Mediterranean region, we find a remarkable ally in the **MedWaves regional center**. As MEDports Association, an organization dedicated to fostering collaboration, production, and exchange among Mediterranean ports, we recognize the paramount importance of visionary partners like MedWaves.

This month we wanted to share a spotlight on this organisation.

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MEDports News

MEDPorts' Engagement at TOC Africa and Beyond

20-21 September 2023



The MEDPorts initiative is further solidifying its relationships and collaborations within the Mediterranean South region. Recently, MEDPorts received a partnership invitation to the TOC Africa conference, which was held in Tangier on the 20th and 21st of September 2023. Notably, Mr. Jordi Torrent, the Secretary General, represented MEDPorts as a distinguished speaker in a conference session dedicated to Sustainability.

In the months ahead, there are exciting events on the horizon with MEDPorts' collaboration. On the 31st of November, a joint seminar with the IAPH's Environmental Ship Index will take place in Barcelona (Spain). Additionally, on the 12th of December, a port seminar co-organized with the National Ports Agency of Morocco (ANP) will be

held in Casablanca.

Stay tuned for more!

3 new members admitted during EXCO

19 September 2023



During the meeting, the president Mr. Pino Musolino, Executive Vice President, Mr. Foued Othman, and Vice Presidents, Mr. Gerardo Landaluce and Mme. Nadia Laraki, have come together in decision and approved the membership requests of 3 new members:

1. [SCZone](#)
2. [Puerto de Malaga](#)
3. [Ports de la Generalitat Catalunya](#)

The inclusion of these ports officially will be effective after the upcoming General Assembly in January. We believe their further contributions will greatly benefit our Association as we continue to strive for excellence and enhance our visibility.

Anchor for your calendar

November
2023
Tunisia

5th MEDports Training Programme

Stay tuned...

30 November
2023
Tunisia

MEDports/ESI Seminar

The seminar will take place at the Port of Barcelona.

12 December
2023
Casablanca, Morocco

Cooperation and Partnership Committee

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

**13 December
2023**
Casablanca, Morocco

MEDports Seminar: Digital Transformation, Innovation and Cooperation: Challenges and Opportunities for Mediterranean Ports

MEDPorts Association is collaborating with Agence Nationale des Ports (ANP) in Morocco is to jointly organize a seminar dedicated to challenges and opportunities for Mediterranean Ports in regard of digital transformation, innovation and cooperation. This seminar will be generously hosted by ANP in Casablanca in Morocco on 13th of December 2023.

If you have any further questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to the MEDPorts Technical Coordinator at fajrwahbaa@yahoo.com.

**23 January
2024**
Online

MEDports General Assembly

The next MEDports General Assembly will take place online. Details to follow.

**03-05 March
2024**
Alexandria, Egypt

The International Maritime Transport and Logistics Conference

This conference, also known as MARLOG-13.

**Mid-March
2024**
Athens,
Greece

MEDports Seminar on Island Ports and Sea Shore Shipping

This seminar will be organised by the Hellenic Ports Association.

**Mid-March
2024**
Athens,
Greece

Promotion Committee Meeting

The Promotion Committee will be organised on the sidelines of the MEDports Seminar on Island Ports and Sea Shore Shipping.

**Spring
2024**
Spain

Seminar on Port Operations Optimization

The Seminar will be organised by the Port Authority of Algeciras and the Cadiz University.

**June
2024**
Malta

MEDports Forum & General Assembly in June in Malta.

The annual MEDports Forum and General Assembly.

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, Durrès, 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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