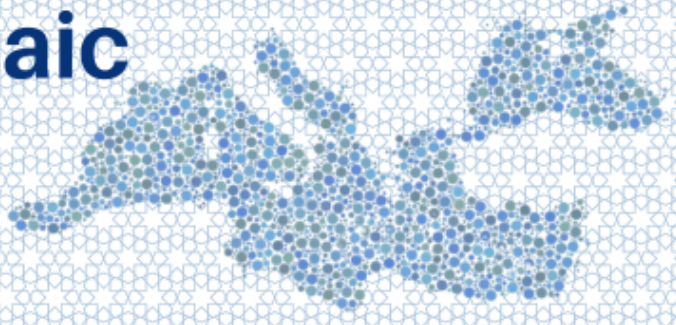


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HOT SEAT

The MEDPorts Mandate for Training, Cooperation, and Future Visions in Mediterranean Ports

An Interview with Manuel Rodriguez – Chairman of Cooperation & Partnership Committee of MEDPorts Association and Head of International Relations and European Polices in Valencia Port Authority



This month, our spotlight shines on Mr. Manuel Rodriguez, Chairman of the Cooperation & Partnership Committee of the MEDPorts Association, who shared insightful reflections on the pivotal role of training, innovation, and shared strategies in addressing the challenges faced by Mediterranean ports, highlighting the significance of collaboration and future-oriented thinking in fostering resilient and sustainable port operations.

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Member and Industry News

Port of Cartagena: We are ambassadors of the Port!



February 12, Port of Cartagena enthusiastically launched a new initiative promoted by the CEO of the Port Authority of Cartagena, aiming to highlight the work carried out by the institution's employees across all departments. Under the slogan "We are ambassadors of the Port", they seek to showcase their work, improve both internal and external communication, and expand their reach from within. They acknowledge that employees are the best ambassadors of the Port of Cartagena, while also recognizing the importance of their role in the development of all port activities that position them as the fourth most important port in Spain.

The achievements reached are not a matter of luck but the result of everyone's effort. With enthusiasm and determination, they begin to be the voice of their Port. They invite all those who wish to contribute ideas and collaborate in its dissemination to join this initiative.

**The Port of Algeciras, recognized in Europe by
Achieving the PERS Environmental Certification for the
Fifth Time**



The APBA once again obtains the Ecoports PERS (Port Environmental Review System) certification. This is the only specific environmental certification for ports in the European Union, granted through the European Sea Ports Organization (ESPO), and it has the independent verification of Lloyd's Register. The European Ports Association sees the Algeciras terminal as an international example in environmental management, as it has once again surpassed the certification audit, the highest ecological distinction endorsed by ESPO. Of the 91 ports that have Ecoports status, the Bay of Algeciras Port is one of the 5 that hold the three main environmental certifications, EMAS, ISO 14001, and PERS. This fact reflects the unwavering commitment to sustainability and environmental management, positioning the APBA as a leader in port environment protection and reaffirming its commitment to environmentally respectful operational practices.

Through this renewal, ESPO endorses "the successful implementation of the standards and requirements set out in the Ecoports status", thus recognizing the Port Authority's track record in minimizing its environmental impact and promoting sustainable development

**Malta Freeport Corporation - Main Projects: OPS-
Onshore Power Supply: High voltage shore connection**



Malta has taken the initiative to install an Onshore Power Supply (OPS) in anticipation of the Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Directive to have such installations by 2030.

The OPS will be installed at the Freeport's busiest quays namely North Quay Terminal 1 and North Quay Terminal 2. The system will supply electricity from the national grid to a berthed vessel with the aim to switch off its fuel powered electric generators thus reducing considerably the emissions of nitrous oxides, sulphur oxides and particulate matter as well as a slight reduction in ship-generated noise.

Works are in progress and MFC is targeting to provide this service to visiting vessels by end 2024. The project is co-financed by the EU's Just Transition Fund.

8.6 MILLION CONTAINERS PROCESSED, REPRESENTING 95% OF THE NOMINAL CAPACITY OF TANGER MED PORT COMPLEX, A RESULT AHEAD OF TARGETS BY 4 YEARS.



In 2023, Tanger Med Port processed 8,617,410 TEUs*, marking a growth of 13.4% compared to 2022. This remarkable achievement, equivalent to 95% of the port's nominal capacity, was accomplished 4 years ahead of targets.

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MAERSK: RIJEKA COULD BECOME THE NEW ROTTERDAM



Maersk, recently opened a warehouse in Rijeka's Kukuljanovo industrial zone, this global giant has 700 huge vessels in its fleet and more than 10 million square metres of warehouses all over the world. By opening a modern warehouse spanning 12,000 square metres close to Rijeka, they're dramatically altering the image of Rijeka as their new acquisition.

"In the long term, I believe that in five to ten years, the port should go to Krk, and not be here in the city centre. I think that is a good direction to go. Another thing is that the railway needs to be properly developed, a lot has already been done, but much more is needed. If this happens, I believe that Rijeka can become a kind of new Rotterdam and Bremerhaven, which are multimillion-dollar container ports," stated Ivić Vodopija, the director for Central and Eastern Europe of Maersk Croatia.

THE PORT OF MALAGA SUPPLIES LNG TO A CRUISE SHIP FOR THE FIRST TIME



The operation was made for the exclusive ship Silver Nova

The Port of Malaga is one step closer to its compromise with sustainability through the initiative Green Port, which includes the supply of alternative energies for the ships that will dock in the port facilities and request it.

In this case, since the end of 2023, for the first time, the Port Authority made the operation of the Liquified Natural Gas supply from the Port of Malaga to the cruise ship, which ended up successfully.

The exclusive ship "Silver Nova", which belongs to the Silversea company, berthed at 8 a.m. in the dock attached to the Dique de Levante, where the already mentioned operation was done during the workday time. The transport company ESK supplied LNG from the

dock to the ship, through 2 tanker trucks which were prepared for it, and they did two shifts each one.

Previously, this supply operation of the LNG is not new in the Port of Málaga, as it has been done since 2020 in the Malaga-Melilla line. Currently, the ferry “Rusadir” belonging to Baleària, an ecological ship that makes possible this maritime connection, is recharged regularly in the dock by tanker trucks of the same company, mentioned before. This service offer in The Port of Málaga increases the competitiveness of the Port facilities, which are still adapting to the demand of the latest and most sustainable cruise shipping companies.

One-of-A-Kind Collaboration between Port Training Institute, AASTMT and Netherlands Maritime University College (NMUC)



Port Training Institute, AASTMT and Netherlands Maritime University College (NMUC) proudly present their first joint online training program: Port-Centric Logistics.

Check out the programme brochure for a detailed itinerary on the LinkedIn page of the Port Training Institute.

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Limited seats available!

Register now using QR Code and embark on your port-centric logistics journey

For more information:

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Port Training Institute Celebrates Success and Unlocks Opportunities at Seafarers Graduation Ceremony and Job Fair



Port Training Institute (PTI) recently held a landmark event, celebrating the graduation of the 41st batch of its Seafarers Basic Studies Program. This momentous occasion saw a new generation of skilled professionals equipped to embark on careers within the dynamic maritime industry.

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MEDports News

MEDPorts Studies on Impact of the Red Sea Disruption on its Members' Ports

As a Mediterranean association representing around 30 port authorities handling more than 200 ports, we recognize the importance of understanding the current situation within our member ports. In light of this, we have created an online short survey on google forms with general questions to gather data on impact of the Red Sea disruption to gain comprehensive information of the challenges faced by our members' ports.

[FULL REPORT](#)

MEDPorts Witnesses a Strategic Agreement between 3 of its Members



February 19, 2024 – Nouakchott, Mauritania. From left to right: Abdellatif Lhouaoui from ANP, Sidi Mohamed Maham representing the Port of Friendship of Nouakchott, and Eduard Rodés from the Escola Europea - Intermodal Transport.

The MEDports Association is proud to announce the signing of a strategic agreement today in Nouakchott, a milestone in the cooperation and strengthening of maritime transport and logistics relations between Europe and Africa.

In a ceremony filled with symbolism, Mr. Sidi Mohamed Maham, on behalf of the Port of Friendship of Nouakchott, Mr. Abdelatif Lhouaoui representing the Agence Nationale des Ports of Morocco, and Mr. Eduard Rodés, Director of the Escola Europea - Intermodal Transport, have joined forces through a tripartite agreement.

This pact will serve as a catalyst for the enhancement of international trade training, logistics and port operations, education, and management in the region, aligning its actions with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

The project, known as "Mare Nostrum Atlantique", highlights the importance of quality education, the creation of decent jobs, and the promotion of sustainable economic development. Professional training in logistics and international trade will be prioritized, and the active exchange of knowledge and best practices among port communities will be vigorously promoted.

The signing of this agreement has been further strengthened by the presence and participation of Mr. Jordi Torrent, Secretary-General of the MEDports Association. His intervention served to underscore the significance of three members of the association committing to a collaborative protocol, undoubtedly setting a precedent for joint commitment to excellence and innovation in the provision of port and logistics services.

This agreement represents a significant advancement towards more robust and effective collaboration between the parties, with the common goal of driving economic development and environmental sustainability in their respective regions.

For more information about this agreement and future collaborations, please contact:

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First MEDPorts Challenge Taking Place on 22nd of March. Don't Miss Out!

Registration Starts on 1st of March 2024!



In 2 days, MEDPorts opens the registration of first-ever MEDPorts Challenge for 15-days with limited seats (200 maximum). The Challenge is created by the MEDPorts association in 2024 with the support of Escola Europea - Intermodal Transport.

This exciting competition, which will take place online through "Kahoot!" e-learning platform, aims to recognize and reward the knowledge and expertise gained by young employees of MEDPorts port communities, as well as students from institutions within the MEDPorts network, in the fields of port and maritime industries and supply chain design.

The MEDPorts Challenge will provide a platform for participants, from port community or enrolled in a programme, to showcase their skills

and creativity, while also fostering collaboration and innovation within the MEDPorts community.

The winners of the Competition, three in number, will receive an invitation to the annual MEDPorts Forum, in addition to the following prizes:

- 1st place: 1,000 euros
- 2nd place: 500 euros
- 3rd place: prize in kind (a local souvenir offered by the MEDPorts Forum hosting organization)

If you are 30 or under, use the following link to register :
<https://forms.gle/c7BN7zz7Rq5e7QSU9>

Find more information, policy of participation and terms & conditions at:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nHln2nQws9qDOZc5aW7b7pYvFZvZnDk9/view?usp=sharing>

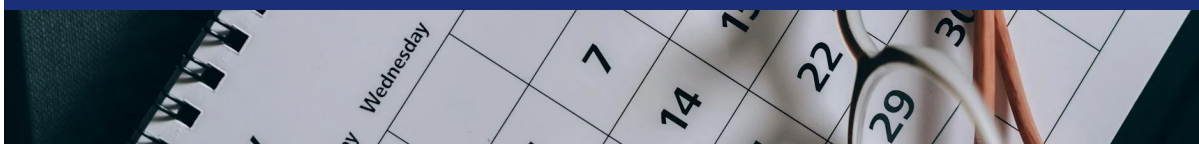
MEDPorts and Malta FreePort Corporation Invites you to the MEDPorts Forum 2024 in Malta on 31st of May 2024!



MEDPorts Association together with Malta FreePort Corporation are organizing the MEDPorts Forum 2024 in Malta on 31st of May under the title **MEDPorts Resilience in Today's Agitated Waters: Threats and Opportunities.**

Stay tuned for more details on the agenda, speakers and registration information in further editions of MED Mosaic!

Anchor for your calendar



1 March
2024
Online

Start of Registrations for the MEDports Challenge

The first edition of the MEDports Challenge will be launched on the 1st of March 2024.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

03-05 March
2024
Alexandria, Egypt

The International Maritime Transport and Logistics Conference

This conference is also known as MARLOG-13. MEDports will have a booth and its representatives will have an active participation at the conference.

3 March
2024
Alexandria,
Egypt

Promotion Committee Meeting

The Promotion Committee will be organised on the sidelines of the Marlog 13 Conference.

13 March
2024

MEDCoffee morning*

Join us for our monthly coffee morning!
* this is a members-only event

15 March
2024

Registrations for the MEDports Challenge close

Final day to register for the MEDports Challenge.

22 March
2024

1st round of the MEDports

Challenge

Launch of the first round of MEDPorts Challenge

30 May
2024
Malta

MEDports General Assembly

Malta FreePort Corporation will host the annual MEDports Forum and General Assembly 2024.

31 May
2024
Malta

MEDports Forum

Malta FreePort Corporation will host the MEDports Forum titled "MEDports Resilience in Today's Agitated Waters: Threats and Opportunities."

30-31 May
2024
Malta

MEDports Cooperation & Partnership Committee meeting

Cooperation & Partnership Committee meeting to be held during days of the MEDPorts Forum.

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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