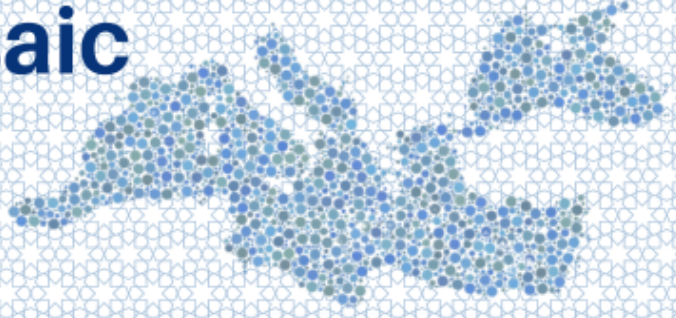


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HOT SEAT

The MEDports Challenge Ignites Innovation and Sustainability in Maritime Sectors

An Interview with Marta Miquel - Chief Business Officer at the Escola Europea - Intermodal Transport and Coordinator of the MEDports Challenge



The inaugural MEDports Challenge heralded a new era of enthusiasm and talent in the maritime and logistics industry, underscoring the potential for innovation and sustainable growth within the Mediterranean ports. It not only celebrated the reunion of the YEP MED project participants but also amplified the strategic importance of the Mediterranean region, promising to become a pivotal event in connecting, educating, and inspiring the next generation of maritime professionals.

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MEDPorts Association and Escola Europea Celebrate Success of MEDPorts Challenge First Edition

Friday, 22nd of March 2024 (World Water Day), MEDPorts Association and Escola Europea - Intermodal Transport are very happy to announce the

success of the first edition of MEDPorts Challenge. The challenge was opened by Pino Musolino, President of MEDPorts, which served as a great motivator for over 40 enthusiastic participants igniting their passion and dedication towards the competition.

The challenge proved to be a dynamic platform able to cultivate talent and inspire progress across various facets of port operations for collaboration and advancement fostering innovation and excellence within the port sector.

“Proud that MEDPorts provided its participants with a fairly competitive environment facilitating their growth across every sphere of port activity. It's a crucible where port entities realize their true potential and be ready for challenges faced by ports and within port operations” stated Pino Musolino, president of the MEDPorts Association.



Maxence Leclerc
CMA CGM (Marseille)



Paula Baltar Lorenzo
Escola Europea (Barcelona)



Santiago Luis Izquierdo Rodríguez
TGL S. Spain S.L.U.

Congratulations to the three winners!

Thanks to all participants for their invaluable contributions setting a high standard for the industry and promises a bright future for maritime endeavors and congratulation to the winners who stood out exceptionally in the main Challenge criteria and now it's time to reward their knowledge and expertise in the field of logistics and transport and the hard work which showcased their skills.

Member and Industry News



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The Port of Barcelona's First OPS for Container Ships Arrives at the BEST Terminal

The arrival of the BEST terminal OPS marks the beginning of the countdown to connect the first container ships next July.

The Port of Barcelona is holding meetings with several shipping companies to plan the arrival and connection of ships equipped with OPS connections.



Port of Luka Koper Second Railway Track

The third and final viaduct of the new Koper-Divača railway line has been completed. The 620-metre Vinjan viaduct is one of the three bridging elements of the 27 km long line, which includes also 8 tunnels.

The completion has been marked by a ceremony, attended also by the members of the Management Board of Luka Koper.

The viaduct construction is an important step towards the completion of the project, which will boost the rail transport potential of to and from the Port of Koper. The new track is due to open to traffic in 2026.

East Port Said Traffic

Score Card for 2023 in comparison of 2022

Total Numbers of Handled Containers (TEUs)

3,707,583

4.8% ↑



Total Quantities of Handled Dry Bulk & General Cargo (Tons)

8,322,206

37.5% ↑



Total Numbers of Port Call (Call)

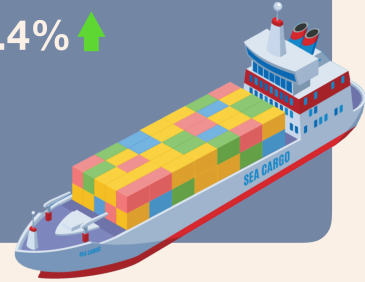
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2.6% ↑

Total GT of Container Vessels (Ton)

88,924,942

5.4% ↑



31°12'26" N | EAST → میناء شرق
32°21'26" E | PORTSAID PORT بورسعيد →

Sustainability: The Construction of the Second Solar Plant at the Port of València will be completed in the Last Quarter of the 2024



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The new photovoltaic infrastructure, which is located on the roof of the vehicle silo of the VTE concession on the East Dock, will be finished in the last quarter of 2024. This project is in addition to the solar park that is already operating in 'test' mode on the Príncipe Felipe Dock.

The project involves an investment by the Port Authority of València (PAV) of more than 13 million euros and is financed by the Next Generation funds of the European Union and the Spanish Government's Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan.

APBA and UCA promote the second edition of the Expert in Digital Transformation Applied to Port Logistics



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The Port Authority of the Bay of Algeciras (APBA) and the University of Cadiz (UCA) celebrated the launch of the second edition of the University Expert Course in Digital Transformation Applied to Port Logistics.

This postgraduate university degree, promoted and organized by both institutions, highlights the excellent collaboration between entities, port and academic, reflecting its vocation to connect with the socio-economic fabric of the region of Campo de Gibraltar, from its commitment to a dual training model to serve the needs of qualification and innovation of companies in the logistics-port ecosystem.

COSCO calls Port of La Spezia with 20,000 TEU Vessels



COSCO Shipping is scheduling regular visits to the Port of La Spezia with 20,000 TEU vessels. The imminent arrival of the COSCO Shipping Aries marks the first docking of such a large container ship from the Chinese liner at the Italian port.

Beginning in March, COSCO 20,000 TEU container ships will establish a consistent presence at the Port of La Spezia. This recent announcement by the Chinese liner confirming the inclusion of four units of these types of vessels in the rotation of the Asia Mediterranean Service (AEM1).

“We are proud and ready to welcome the COSCO SHIPPING Aries, the first in a series of ultra-large container vessels deployed in the AEM1 (MED1) service operated by the Chinese carrier within the Ocean Alliance,” stated Matteo Ferrando, Key Account Manager at Contship Italia.

Port Training Institute Hosts the Annual Meeting of Global Shipping Think Tank Alliance, Fostering Innovation in Maritime Industry



The annual meeting of the Global Shipping Think Tank Alliance (GSTTA) returned to a live format for the first time in several years on the sidelines of Marlog Conference 13 held in Alexandria, Egypt.

Experts from around the world gathered to discuss "Innovation and Entrepreneurship in the Maritime Transport Sector." The meeting also highlighted the commitment of the Port Training Institute (PTI) to fostering innovation in human resource development within the maritime industry.

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Tripartite Initiative Brings Gamified Learning to the Arab World: Port Training Institute, IAPH, and APEC Launch "Port Endeavor Game" Workshop



Port Training Institute hosted the first-ever "Port Endeavor Game" workshop in the Arab region, marking a significant step forward in training methods. This gamified workshop, a collaboration between IAPH, Port of Antwerp-Bruges, and UNCTAD TrainForTrade, challenged participants to tackle real-world port scenarios through teamwork and innovative thinking. Participants from Egypt, Libya, and Yemen praised the program's ability to combine knowledge acquisition with practical application.

MEDports News

MEDPorts Takes Over the Stage in MARLOG-13



In a significant development, MEDPorts Association has stepped into the spotlight as a co-organizer of MARLOG-13, further solidifying its position as a leading association in the MED region with more than 200 ports with its live presence in the MARLOG exhibition (IME2024).



During the opening of MARLOG-13 Exhibition (IME24), Pino Musolino, President of MEDPorts Association had a moment with the esteemed President of the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport, Prof. Ismail Abdel Ghafar Ismail Farag, introducing the MEDPorts which presently gathers 29 port authorities handling 70% of freight and 90% of passenger traffic in the Mediterranean.



Amidst the conference sessions, Mr. Pino MUSOLINO, President of MEDPorts together with MEDPorts Secretary General, Mr. Jordi TORRENT, delivered compelling speeches, highlighting the critical role of Mediterranean Ports in shaping the future for maritime developments.

MEDPorts Association in LetExpo 2024, the Premier Sustainable Logistics Fair



For the 3rd year, MEDPorts Association joined the LetExpo 2024, the sustainable logistics fair organized by ALIS, from March 12th to March 15th, 2024!



Besides the participation of Mr. Pino MUSOLINO, president of the MEDPorts Association, in an extremely interesting panel, "INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT: NEW STRATEGIES, NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND NEW HORIZONS " bringing invaluable insights to the room, highlighting the remarkable progress, proven capacity and potential of Mediterranean ports.



During the panel, Mr. Musolino showcased the innovative initiatives spearheaded by Mediterranean ports, positioning them as leaders in

innovation and development. He spotlighted the exemplary work of TangerMED, the outstanding achievements of Tunisian ports, and the commendable efforts of the Suez Canal Authority.

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



Day #1

MEDports Resilience in Today's Agitated Waters: Threats and Opportunities

Friday, MAY 31st, 2024

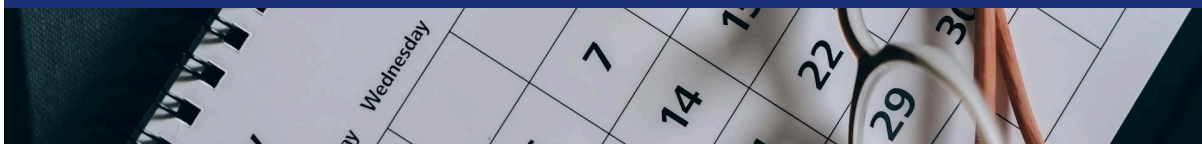
8:30 am	Registration	11:00 am	Session 2 Alternative Fuels and OPS: Towards A New Reality in the Mediterranean Main topics: Bunkering of alternative fuels in the Med, EU and IMO legislation, OPS development, production of renewable energy in ports, etc
9:00 am	Opening session MEDPORTS FORUM 2022 Moderation: Jordi Torrent, Secretary General, MEDports Association ▶ Chris Bonett , Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works (tbc) ▶ Hon. Silvio Schembri , Minister for Economy, Enterprise and Strategic Projects (tbc) ▶ Pino Musolino , MEDPorts President and CEO, Port System Authority of the Central Northern Lyrhenian Sea ▶ David Magro , CEO, Malta FreePort Corporation	12:15 pm	Session 3 Port Employability in a Transforming Industry Main topics: AI, digitalization, PCS, automation, security threats, new professional profiles, training, etc
9:30 am	Session 1 Black and Red Seas Crisis: Impact on MED Ports Main topics: Predictability, delays, increase of freight costs, security of navigation, alternative routes to the Suez canal, etc	13:30 pm	End of the day
10:45 am	Networking Coffee Break	14:00 pm	MEDports Forum 2024 Official Photo Lunch

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 detailed agenda, speakers and registration information in further editions of MED Mosaic!

We hope you join us in Malta!

Anchor for your calendar



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.

11-13 June
2024
Rotterdam, the Netherlands

MEDports will be present at TOC Europe

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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