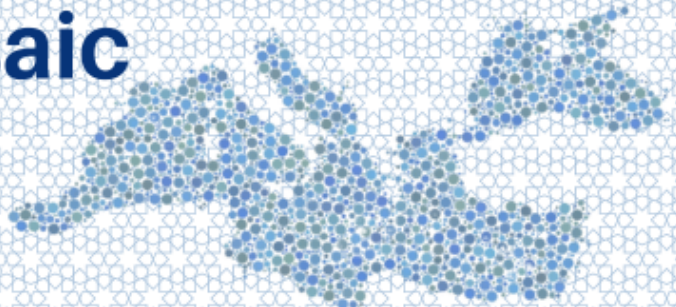


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This month's HOT FOCUS

Palermo's Vision for a Sustainable Future



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In this MEDPorts Hot Seat interview, the Port of Palermo presents its evolution into a multipurpose logistics and energy hub at the heart of the Mediterranean. With strong growth in Ro-Ro traffic and cruise operations, significant investments in infrastructure, and a clear commitment to green and digital transitions, Palermo is positioning itself as a key player in sustainable maritime transport. Its integration into MEDPorts reflects a strategic ambition to foster collaboration, advance green shipping corridors, and contribute to a more resilient and interconnected Mediterranean port network.

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Anchor for your calendar

- ▶ **Launch of MEDPorts website**
Online
30 April 2026
- ▶ **MEDPorts General Assembly, hosted by Marseille FOS Port Authority**
Marseille, France
20 May 2026
- ▶ **MEDPorts Forum 26:
"Mediterranean Ports 2026: Resilient Logistics and Green Corridors"**
Marseille, France
20 - 21 May 2026
- ▶ **SIL Barcelona**
Barcelona, Spain
3-5 June 2026
- ▶ **MEDITOUR**
Agadir, Morocco
18 - 20 June 2026
- ▶ **Malta Maritime Conference and Expo**
Valetta, Malta
25 - 27 November 2026

Save the Date – MEDPorts Forum 2026 | 20–21 May, Marseille



Big news is here! Under the theme **Mediterranean Ports 2026: Resilient Logistics and Green Corridors**, port authorities, logistics innovators, policymakers, and maritime stakeholders will come together for MEDPorts Forum on 20th and 21st of May in Marseille, to exchange ideas, discuss strategies, and rethink how Mediterranean ports move goods, energy, and opportunities.

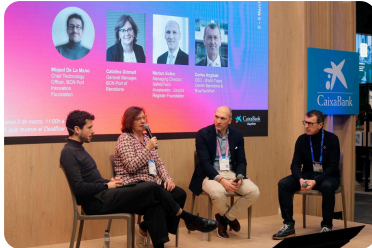
Kindly mark your calendars for this annual gathering, a special moment for the MEDPorts community. We look forward to welcoming you in Marseille!

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Partner & Industry News



New Latitude Programme Set up to Promote the Port of Barcelona's Open Innovation Strategy

Submitted projects must respond to real needs and be replicable in other port environments. The programme aims to combine the capabilities and knowledge of the BCN Port Innovation Foundation, BlueTechPort and Safetytech Accelerator.

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The Middle East Disrupts Maritime Routes and Strengthens the 'Doubly Strategic' Role of the Port of Algeciras

Middle East tensions are disrupting key maritime routes, pushing ships to reroute via the Cape of Good Hope and increasing costs and transit times. Despite this, Algeciras strengthens its role as a strategic energy and logistics hub, with operations remaining stable.

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Igoumenitsa Port Powers Green Transition with 1.5 MW Solar Park

The Port of Igoumenitsa has installed a 1.5 MW photovoltaic park to cover its energy needs, cutting CO₂ emissions and boosting sustainability. The project marks a major step toward energy autonomy and supports upcoming shore power infrastructure for cleaner port operations.

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Malta Freeport Handles Ultra-Large MSC Sixin, Reinforcing Global Hub Status

Malta Freeport Terminals welcomed one of the world's largest container ships, MSC Sixin, highlighting its ability to efficiently handle ultra-large vessels and reinforcing its role as a key global logistics hub.



The new Three-Year Operational Plan 2026-2028 of the Ionian Sea Port Authority has been approved

The Port System Authority of the Ionian Sea has approved its 2026-2028 Operational Plan, setting a strategic roadmap focused on sustainability, digitalisation, and traffic diversification to strengthen Taranto's role in the Mediterranean.

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Al-Sumayda and Misrata Participate in Supporting Emergency Operations to Deal with the Russian Tanker in Libyan Territorial Water

As part of the high operational readiness of the Port of the Free Zone in Misrata, the submarine "Al-Sumayda" participated on 24 March 2026, and on 25 March 2026, the modern tug "Misrata" joined the maritime support work to deal with the incident of the Russian gas tanker "Arctic Metagaz", as part of coordinated operations that took place within Libyan territorial waters off the west coast.

Read More: Al-Sumaydah and Misrata join forces to support emergency operations to deal with Russian tanker in Libyan territorial waters.



PortCastelló Grew in Freight Traffic: +11.3% Compared to February 2025

PortCastelló: Second port with the highest growth in container traffic in the month of February. Container traffic is soaring in the port of Castellón. It grew by 45.8%, well above the 0.3% drop in the average for the port system

Areté: A Place to Celebrate Twenty Years of Port Cooperation

Cities also speak through their spaces. Sometimes they do so by carrying the name of a person who left a mark. Other times, they speak through a word - one that captures an idea.

Barcelona has just chosen one of those words.

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MEDPorts News

The 3rd Edition of MEDPorts Challenge just wrapped stronger!



Future port leaders filled the challenge room with bold ideas, real solutions & amazing engagement.

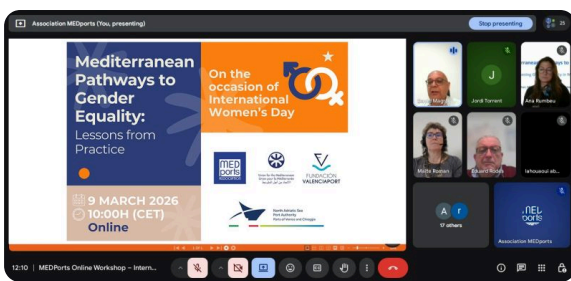
A huge congratulations to all participants who joined us and contributed to the success of another edition of the MEDPorts Challenge.

Spotlight on our winners:

- Matteo Boschian Cuch - CENIT Barcelona
- Hans Freixas - Institut de Logística de Barcelona
- Aida Mora Ayuso - Fundación Valenciaport

Thank you to Escola Europea - Intermodal Transport for making this initiative possible for the third time and continuing to support the future talents of our Mediterranean maritime and logistics community.

In celebration of International Women’s Day, the MEDPorts community came together online for a dynamic workshop “Mediterranean Pathways to Gender Equality: Lessons from Practice.”



In collaboration with Union for the Mediterranean, Fundación Valenciaport, and North Adriatic Sea Port Authority - Ports of Venice and Chioggia, real experiences and practical approaches shaping gender equality across the port sector were presented following one strong message that gender equality is not just a social goal, but a strategic and economic necessity for building a more inclusive and resilient future for Mediterranean ports.

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