

THE EUROPEAN PROJECT CLIMEPORT, LED BY VPA, HOLDS ITS SECOND TECHNICAL MEETING IN PIRAEUS



- Cooperation amongst Mediterranean ports is considered to be an important tool in reducing greenhouse gas emission throughout the logistic chain. It also promotes innovation as well as greater efficiency in energy use and the improvement in the quality of life in port settings.
- The Project establishes actions and initiatives in the area of sea and terrestrial transport, to develop a diagnosis of the influence of ports on climate change, and action plans aimed at reducing the impact of port activities on the environment.

Valencia, 14th October. Valencia Port Authority participates in the second technical meeting of the CLIMEPORT Project (Contribution of Mediterranean Ports to the Fight against Climate Change), held this morning in Piraeus (Greece). The initiative aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions caused by port activities via the implementation of best practices and new technologies, and the promotion of renewable energies. The 36-month project, which started last May,

is jointly funded by the European Fund for Regional Development (FEDER) of the European Union, with a budget of 1,610,454€.

Valencia Port Authority is the project leader. The rest of the partners are the Port Authorities of Bahía de Algeciras (Spain), Marseilles (France), Livorno (Italy), Piraeus (Greece) and Koper (Slovenia), and the following Energy Agencies: AVEN (Spain) and GOLEA (Slovenia), supported by ITE (Spain) as a technological partner.

Objectives of the Piraeus technical meeting



The main objectives of the meeting are the validation of the methodology designed for the diagnosis of the greenhouse gases generated at the participating ports, and the programming of the project's subsequent steps. Such steps include the determination of the carbon footprint of port activities and the definition and implementation of best practices to reduce the emissions.

The meeting will also appoint a Follow-up Committee consisting of a representative of each project partner. The Committee will define the criteria and will follow up and validate the action plans to be implemented at the ports. The methodology developed is intended to become a reference for other Mediterranean ports willing to apply it.

The Port Authorities will present the actions already taken concerning communication and awareness-raising, as well as the work programme for the next few months, which includes participation in different national and European conferences and liaison with other initiatives such as those of the World Ports Climate Initiative with a view to spreading the measures implemented by the Project.

Based on all such actions, further knowledge of the problem will be gained by the international port sector, at the same time contributing to the adoption of measures like the ones proposed by CLIMEPORT.