

CLIMEPORT RECOGISED AS A KEY PROJECT AT THE FIRST CONFERENCE ON CAPITALIZATION OF THE MED PROGRAMME

- **Climeport, lead by the Valencia Port Authority, aims to organize the “Contribution of the Mediterranean ports to the mitigation of Climate Change”.**

Valencia, 25 November 2009. Naples (Italy) hosted the first Conference on Capitalization in the MED¹ programme, a leading aim of which is the creation of added value through the development of synergies between projects to ensure that the results obtained are made available and transferred not only within the consortiums themselves, but also outside them, and that work continues after the program ends.

Before the conference a technical meeting was held to establish various workgroups to responder to the variety of problems posed. At the meeting, different aspects of the projects currently being undertaken were analysed with the objective of finding synergies between them which would permit collaboration and the exchange of information and solutions. The results reached were then presented to the representatives of the nearly 50 projects currently in progress in the MED programme. With this in mind, the CLIMEPORT project – an acronym for “Contribution of Mediterranean ports in the mitigation of Climate Change” -, headed by the Valencia Port Authority (VAP), and with the participation of the ports of Algeciras, Koper (Slovenia), Livorno (Italy),

¹ The MED Programme promotes transnational cooperation between enterprises and institutions of the northern coast of the Mediterranean in financing projects in priority areas within in this geographical area. It forms part of the “European Territorial Cooperation” objective for the period 2007–2013. With a budget of over 250 million Euros, the programme covers the coastal regions of nine member states of the E.U. Its list of associates includes the participation of Mediterranean countries which are candidates or potential candidates for joining the European Union.

Marseilles (France), Piraeus (Greece) y Valencia, was chosen by the JTS (Joint Technical Secretary) of MED as a key project within area 5 (Exchange of solutions within the global maritime context for the improvement of transport, port management, maritime safety and integration of logistics systems).

Following this preliminary meeting, the Conference on Capitalization itself took place on 16th and 17th of November, organized by the MED programme and had more than 150 people, from members of projects already underway or awaiting approval to representatives of a variety of entities interested in presenting suggestions at future meetings of the MED programme.

Among the outstanding presentations of the conference were the 20 papers presented, such as those presented Manuel Ledesma y Margarita Jancic in representation of the Spanish Economy and Revenue Ministry and the Slovenian Ministry of Spatial Planning and Environment, respectively.

As representative of the VAP in the CLIMEPORT project, its technical assessor Rafael Company, explained the practices and strategies for both capitalization and working methods common to all the projects within the area of transport and port management to ensure the continuation of the work and the transfer of the results. In his presentation, Rafael Company emphasised the importance of creating a "network" of Mediterranean ports, key players in both the maritime and terrestrial logistics chains, as an instrument for the transfer of "know how" and the publication of solutions reached addressed to all the ports and agents involved in the logistics chain.

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