

>Attendance of the Regional IAPH Meeting and the World Ports Climate Initiative session (WPCI)

The Valencia Port Authority (APV) attended the Regional International Association of Ports and Harbours (IAPH) meeting and, more specifically the session about the World Ports Climate Initiative (WPCI), where the CLIMEPORT Project was presented, the contribution by the Mediterranean ports against climate change, led by APV.

The conference took place on the 17th and 18th of November at the Hamburg Port Authority facilities and was attended by representatives of European and African ports, as well as other players in the sector.

At the session held on the 18th, the main progress made by the work groups incorporated at the WPCI headquarters were presented, led by the Los Angeles Port, which centred on:

- Carbon footprint assessment. The proposed methodology was put forward and action to test it was planned for the coming months in order to eventually develop a tool that can be used over the internet.
- Environmental Ship Index. The results of shipping vessel classification were presented based on their efficiency in terms of greenhouse gas emissions (an exception being made for CO₂) and taking into consideration the regulations developed by OMI. This index allows a programme of incentives to be developed based on environment efficiency of vessels at European ports.
- On-Shore Power Supply (or Cold Ironing). The progress made in this subject was put forward. In 2010 a version of a web tool will be available which will help ports assess the relevance or otherwise of implementing this electricity supply system to vessels and eventually to identify any traffic susceptible to using it.
- Promotion of intermodality. A study is being undertaken centred on identifying best practices that facilitate the increase in the use of the most efficient hinterland connections in terms of emissions, such as rail or river transport as opposed to road transport.

During the meeting contacts were held between members of the work groups, especially with the general project leader, the Executive Director of the Los Angeles Port, the Carbon Footprint Work Group coordinator, the Environmental Director at Los Angeles Port and the On-Shore Power Supply Work Group coordinator from Goteborg Port. They were all informed about the CLIMEPORT Project and were given documents about the project in order for them to assess possible synergies with the different Work Groups.