

THE CLIMEPORT EUROPEAN PROJECT, LED BY APB, HOLDS ITS THIRD TECHNICAL MEETING IN SLOVENIA

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Valencia, April 9th 2010. The Valencia Port Authority took part in the last technical meeting for the CLIMEPORT Project (Contribution by Mediterranean Ports to the Fights against Climate Change), which was recently held in Koper (Slovenia). The initiative has the objective of reducing greenhouse gas emissions in port activities through the application of best practices, implementation of new technology and promoting the use of renewable energy.

The project establishes action and initiatives that will be developed in the scope of shipping and overland transport, a diagnosis of the influence of ports in global climatic change and action plans to reduce the impact of port activities on it.

The meeting was held in two sessions. During the first session, with participation by the project partners and members of the Koper port community and representatives of local institutions related to the fight against climatic change, questions about Energy Efficiency were tackled and the methodology of the Calculation of the Carbon Footprint. Different presentations were made concerning the tasks already carried out in the CLIMEPORT projects, such as the inventories of greenhouse gases in the ports of Valencia and Koper, as well as an initial proposal being put forward for indicators that permit assessment of the impact of port activities on said emissions and the general framework to follow in order to identify best practices in the international port sector concerning this matter. The session ended with a visit by the attendants to the port of Koper.

The second session, with an internal character, was the meeting by the Project Follow-up Committee, in which the progress of the project was

assessed in line with the initial proposal, as well as technical and administrative commitments undertaken by the consortium at previous meetings and new commitments were taken on and activities for the next period were confirmed.

The meeting at Koper has meant a new step forward towards achieving the objectives of the CLIMEPORT project, which has the vocation of serving as the reference in the port sector in the fight against climatic change, as well as to confirm the good harmony existing between the partners and the suitability of the work for the forecast plans now that the first year of the project is about to end.