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# The Adriatic-Baltic corridor: the NAPA perspective Seminar

# INTEGRATING SEA PORTS AND TRADE CORRIDORS: The key role of railways Marco Spinedi

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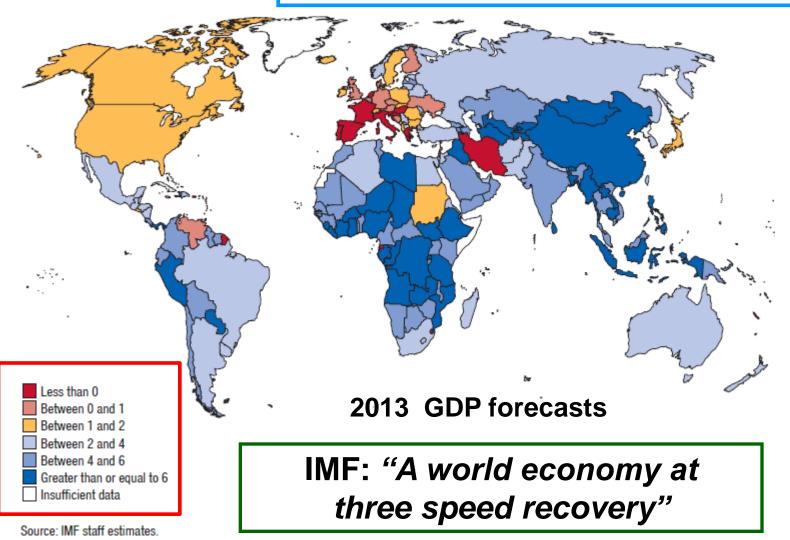


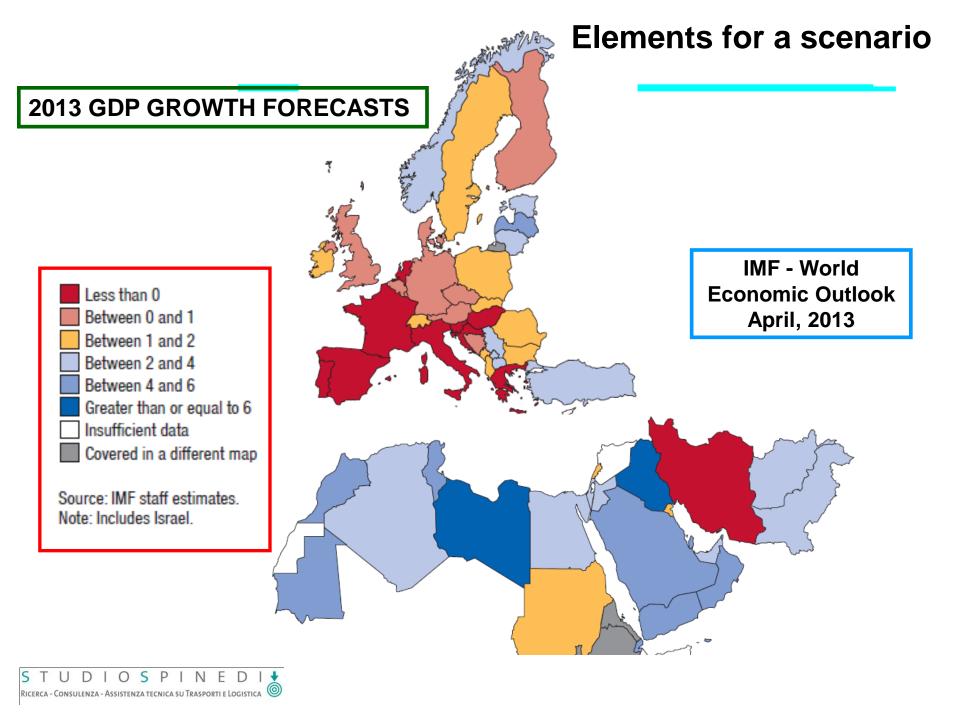
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#### Elements for a scenario



IMF - World Economic Outlook - April, 2013





#### Combining size of the economy and demography

Where is wealth?

2013-2018 IMF projections

Where is growth?

GDP growth between 0,1 & 1,2%

GDP growth between 0,5 & 2,5%

**GDP** growth more than 3%

Austria France Germany Italy Spain

Czech Rep. Slovak Rep Hungary Slovenia Poland Ukraine Romania Algeria
Egypt
Morocco
Tunisia
Turkey

Population: 262 mil.

Population: 133 mil.

Population: 238 mil.



#### **Exports as major engine of growth for many countries**



- Exports keep on growing at double the pace of GDP in advanced economies
- Domestic consumption growth in China and Asia favors more balanced trade flows with the West

#### Major implications for transport & logistics

28 major ports in East Europe and East Med regions for a total of about 18 mil.TEU; 6 Transshipment ports for a total of more than 9,1 mil. TEU

Competition in transshipment is very strong and its future is uncertain

From 2010 Egyptian & Malta ports have taken the lead, while Costantza, Taranto and Piraeus lag behind & Gioia Tauro gaining pace after a downturn

Between 2006 and 2012 NAPA ports grew more than Turkish & Egyptian ports

This notwithstanding, <u>none</u> of the major SEE & East Med container ports is playing a <u>transshipment + gateway</u> role as significant as that played by other ports in Europe



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## Learning from others' experience



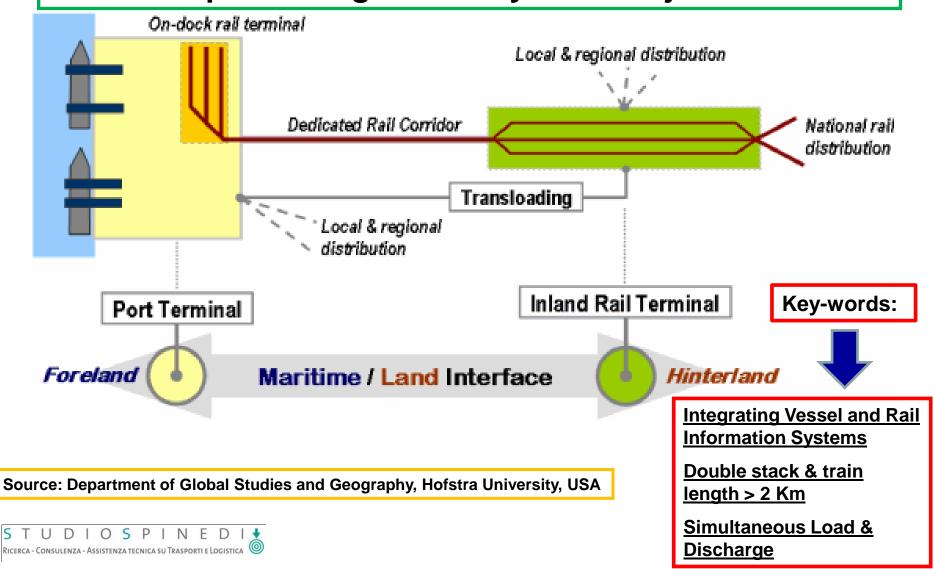
## "BOUNDING TOGETHER SEA AND LAND"

"A port that increases its capacity "inside the gate", with no corresponding improvements in the approach channels, intermodal connectors and rail, road and marine highway corridors that serve it, will realize little overall capacity improvement"

From: "America's Ports and Intermodal Transportation System"
US Maritime Organisation
Department of Transportation
Washington, January, 2009



#### An example: the Agile Port System Project in the US



#### USA main container ports and their distribution hubs

	Ports	% merchandise distributed in the region	Distribution <i>Hub</i>
1	Los Angeles/Long Beach	33	Chicago
2	New York/New Jersey	80	New York
3	Savannah & Charleston	20	Atlanta
4	Hampton Roads	18	Chicago
5	Oakland	20	Chicago
6	Houston	70	Chicago
7	Seattle/Tacoma	30	Chicago

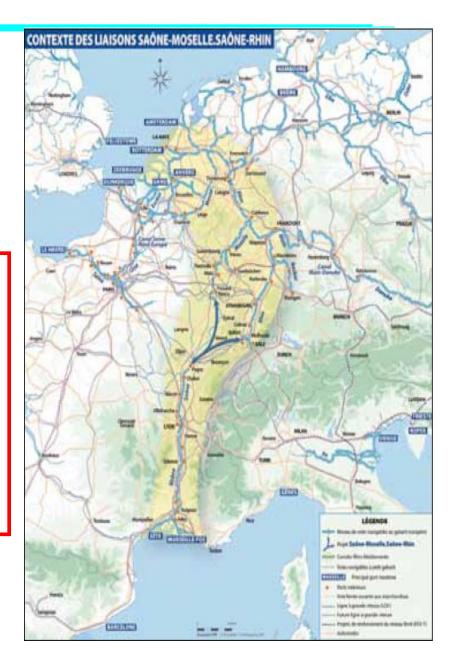
• Source: Maritime Administration of the US Department of Transportation.



Guess who is challenging the role of the Northern Range ports in the Mediterranean area?

A systemic approach from France

Marseille is becoming a multimodal - sea, rail, river - hub for bulk and primary commodities, as well as for containers, autos, Ro-Ro, etc., with many destinations in Central Europe

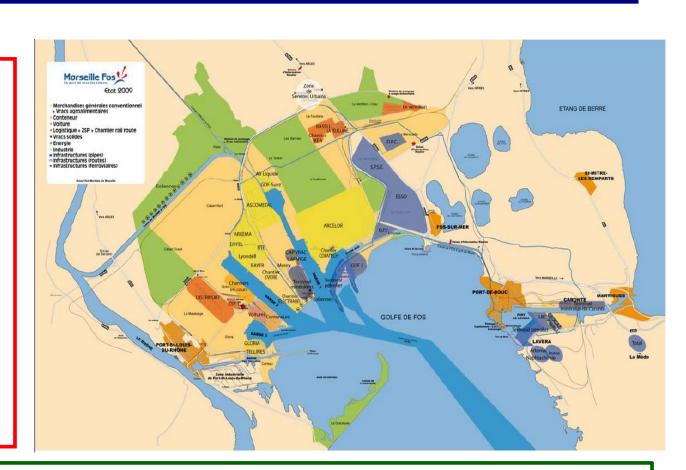




Lay-out of the Port of Marseille: sea – rail – route – river - pipeline

Port of Marseille offers a qualified set of infrastructures and services

Investments of MPA are addressed to upgrade port links by rail, river and pipeline to inland terminal and transport nodes



Lack of natural barriers favor Marseille compared to the Adriatic ports



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# Major hits in the Adriatic region

- Following a systemic, integrated approach from sea to final land destination
- Favoring rail competitiveness: economies of scale, dedicated corridors, adequate tracks for long, heavy trains
- Identifying max 1 or 2 priority corridors linking ports to a selected number of hinterland terminals



#### What is needed to be done?

Guarantee adequate sea & land-side infrastructures able to handle vessels from 8 to 10.000 TEU in at least one port in the North Adriatic region

Create conditions to attract public & private resources on <u>a selected number</u> of multimodal transport projects addressed to improve quality of services of intraregional and international trade flows

Port authorities, transport & logistics operators and rail companies lobbying in Brussels to let approve a EU transport policy based on a multi-gateway port approach



#### **THANK FOR YOUR ATTENTION !!!**

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