Watermode Project is an EU territorial cooperation project led by the Venice Port Authority and aiming at promoting a better coordination among public stakeholders in the South East European regions. The initiative has been financed by the South East Europe Programme (SEE), the largest Transnational Co-operation Programme in the European Territorial Co-operation strand, involving 16 countries (Member States and neighbouring Countries).

The SEE Area is crossed by growing freight traffic flows, originated and directed in and outside it and mainly supported by road infrastructures not planned for these level of capacity. The increasing role of the economic relevance of the Balkanic area will be a strategic asset also for North Adriatic Ports because of their capacity to link European market and Asia. Watermode tackles to this issue developing the integration of multimodal logistic platforms in this area, as a pre-condition to foster the successful performances of economic operators towards multimodal transport by a more sustainable way of conceiving the supply chain. As a matter of fact, the lack both of integration of waterborne transport modes in the logistic chain and transnational coordination for sea and IWW port infrastructures in this area represent a critical aspect. The initiative supports a better integration between maritime and river transport for new logistic solutions. With 10 Countries and 15 partners involved Watermode counts on a large and strategic partnership linking Adriatic, Aegean and Black Sea keyplayers and joint by Veneto Region, Ancona Port Authority, Levante Port Authority, Port of Koper, Austrian Mobility Reasearch, Pannon Business Network, Bulgarian Executive Agency Maritime Administration, Constantza Port Authority, AttikaBusiness Innovation Center, Alexandroupolis Port Authority, Alma More RDA Novi Sad, University of Novi Sad, Ports of Bar and Durres. The initiative is considered as a best practice at a transnational level and its results are catching the interest of an ever growing number of actors and stakeholders. The final event represents an occasion to reflect with relevant actors over the issue of maritime transport as a vehicle of integration.

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PROGRAMME

h. 10.00 – 10.30 Registration and Welcome Coffee

h. 10.30

WELCOMING REMARKS AND OPENING ADDRESSES
Mr. Paolo COSTA President of Venice Port Authority
Mr. Renato CHISSO Regional Minister for Transports, Internal and Port Navigation, Veneto Region
Mr. Roberto CIAMBETTI Regional Minister for Budget and Territorial and Transnational Cooperation, Veneto Region

Morning session h.11.00

IMPROVING COMPETITIVENESS OF MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT IN SOUTH EAST EUROPE

The role of South-East Europe: future scenarios
Mr. Marco SPINEDI Multilog Network Coordinator

Panel 1
TRANSPORT: GROWTH ENGINE FOR EUROPE

Mr. Alain BARON Directorate General for Mobility and Transport (DG Move), European Commission
Mr. Roberto FERRAZZA General Directorate for Regional Development, Planning and International Projects - Italian Ministry for Transports and Infrastructures
Ms. Martine FRITZ Senior Loan Officer, Divisione Infrastrutture ed Enti Locali per Italia e Malta, European Investment Bank
Mr. Nenad NIKOLIC General Manager at South East Europe Transport Observatory - SEETO
Chairman: Mr. Bruno DARDANI Director CAPO HORN MAGAZINE

h. 13.30 – 15.00 Buffet lunch

Afternoon Session h.15.00

Panel 2
POTENTIAL, STRENGHTS AND CHALLENGES OF TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATION PROGRAMMES

Watermode: results and challenges
Mr. Franco SENSINI Secretary General of Venice Port Authority

Future perspectives for transnational cooperation
Mr. Imre CSALAGOVITZ Director of South East Europe Joint Technical Secretariat

Keynote Speech: Danube Strategy as a framework for dialogue beyond external borders
Mr. Cesare BERNABEI Policy Coordinator, Directorate General for Mobility and Transport (DG Move), European Commission
Chairman: Mr. Bruno DARDANI Director CAPO HORN MAGAZINE

Panel 3
GROWTH AGENDA FOR SOUTH EAST EUROPE AREA: IMPROVING CONNECTIVITY AND INCREASING SAFETY

Round Table:
Mr. Cesare BERNABEI Policy Coordinator, Directorate General for Mobility and Transport (DG Move), European Commission
Mr. Otto SCHWETZ Chairman of Corridor VII, President of PIANC Austria.
Mr. Marios MELETIOU Senior Port and Transport Specialist of International Labour Organization - ILO
Mr. Michael HUNTER Head of Unit, Safety Assessment and Inspections - European Maritime Safety Agency - EMSA

Logistics companies operating in the SEE area will participate
Chairman: Mr. Marco SPINEDI Multilog Network Coordinator

h. 16.30 - 17.30 Public Debate
Watermode Road Map: 10 key words for a future cooperation

17:30 – 19:00 Farewell Cocktail