



AUTORITÀ DI SISTEMA PORTUALE
DEL MARE ADRIATICO SETTENTRIONALE
PORTI DI VENEZIA E CHIOGGIA

OVER 3 MILLION EURO TO THE PORT OF VENICE FROM THE EU

The European grants will be used to double the size of the Fusina MoS terminal, enhance nautical and road accessibility and ports cooperation.

Venice 27 June 2017 - The European Union approved the allocation of the funds to support European infrastructures. The port of Venice was awarded 2 projects out of 13 approved for Italy within the 2016 call for proposals of the *Connecting Europe Facility* (CEF), out of a total 349 projects submitted. Moreover 35 projects of the 2016 call for proposals of the European "Adriatic-Ionian" Transnational Cooperation Programme (ADRION) were also selected, 2 of which concern the Port System Authority.

The total EU grant to the port of Venice amounts to 3.25 million euro that will allow it to enhance traffic and develop infrastructures of the Venice hub.

In particular, a CEF grant of over 2.6 million euro was approved within the Motorway of the Sea (MOS) priority that will be used to co-finance the second basin of the Fusina Terminal (managed by Venice Ro-Port MoS), **and studies to improve the nautical accessibility and development of the Adriatic corridor in partnership with RAM** (Rete Autostrade Mediterranee – Mediterranean Motorway Network). The EU has positively assessed the recent developments of the Fusina terminal and appreciated its role as a crucial hub of the Motorway of the Sea Patras-Venice, but also its intermodal connections to Northern Europe. Enhancing the terminal capacities and its nautical accessibility are the reasons given by the Commission to grant the co-financing that will allow the terminal to double its capacity by 2020.

The Project Coordinator is the new port System Authority of the Northern Adriatic together with the other partners - Venice Ro-Port MoS, Patras Port Authority, RAM (Italian Transport Ministry) Grimaldi Euromed, Kombiverkehr that in recent years have proven to be able to enhance a state-of-the-art port infrastructure with direct lines, intermodal connections, new ro-ro trades and, recently, also the opening of new traffic in the automotive sector. The total value of the public-private investment is of over 10 million euro (30% co-financing).

The second project co-financed by EU is called URSA MAJOR NEO; the lead partner is the German Ministry of Infrastructures and Transport together with the Italian and Dutch Ministries. The project aims at developing an ITS platform (*Intelligent Transport Services*) at a European level for the improvement of the management of road traffic along the European multi-modal corridors with the objective of integrating the IT systems of the various players. **The Port of Venice is involved for a total budget of 480 thousand euro for the improvement of the port's road accessibility.** The total value of the project (for Italy, Germany and Holland) is almost 150 million euro, 20% of which co-financed by EU.

Last but not least, the port of Venice was awarded **with 2 projects of the 2016 call for proposals of the European "Adriatic-Ionian" Transnational Cooperation Programme** (ADRION).

"New Brain" and "Supair" projects will have a duration of two years and a half and aim at promoting port cooperation in the Adriatic-Ionian area. **Total budget for Venice equals to 360 thousand euro for the development of new multi-modal supply chains and the improvement of the sustainability of freight transport services.**

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