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## **#OUROCEAN17: THE PORT OF VENICE COMMITMENT TO OCEAN'S PRESERVATION**

*"We will renew the Blue Flag agreement and we will introduce it to other ports so they can adopt this good practice that is able to reduce the ships emissions by 40%"*

# OurOcean17 - Malta 5/6 October 2017. On 5 and 6 October 2017 the "Our Ocean" international conference's fourth edition has been held in Malta. The initiative, promoted by the European Union - DG Mare, supports the commitment to oceans safeguard, threatened by excessive exploitation of fish stocks, pollution and the effects of climate change.

Four main themes were addressed during the meeting: reduction of marine pollution, promotion of eco-friendly fishing, mitigation of the adverse effects of climate change and the creation of marine reserves. The North Adriatic Sea Port Authority has been invited to the conference to present the results achieved by the Venice Port in improving the air quality to the international community and declaring its commitment for the next years.

"We will not only renew the Venice Blue Flag agreement for the years 2018 and 2019, but we will also promote this best practice both to national and Adriatic levels, so that also other ports can undertake this "green way", encouraging the creation of a sustainable and compatible relationship between cities and port activities. With this initiative, which anticipates of more than 10 years Marpol's future regulation on the use of low sulfur fuels, we want to testify our contribution to the preservation of our Oceans and our Lagoon", this is the statement that the North Adriatic Sea Port Authority has presented to conference participants and European institutions.

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