



NORTH ADRIATIC SEA
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THE SILK ROAD RESTARTS FROM VENICE

At Ca' Vendramin Calergi Palace the EUSAIR Macro-regional Strategy For Tourism And Transport initiative

The President of the North Adriatic Sea Port Authority, Mr. Pino Musolino, has presented the port development project to contribute to the EUSAIR strategy.

Venice, 19 January 2018 - On 20 January 2018, "The EUSAIR Macro-regional Strategy For Tourism And Transport: The Maritime Western Silk Road Opportunities" initiative has been held in Venice, at Ca' Vendramin Calergi Palace.

The conference, organized by the Italian presidency of the EUSAIR macro-regional strategy with the objective of favouring the dialogue on the development and promotion of the Adriatic-Ionian Region as an integral part of the maritime Silk Road, has been held in parallel with the opening event of the EU China Tourism Year.

The Minister for territorial cohesion and Southern Italy, Claudio De Vincenti, has drawn the final remarks.

In this contest, the Port of Venice has been identified as a reference for the opportunities of open relationships from the Silk road, this time as the Northern Adriatic Sea port engaged in the development initiatives of the Adriatic-Ionian macro-region under the profile of both maritime connections and cultural relations.

The President of the North Adriatic Sea Port Authority, Mr. Pino Musolino has outlined the projects of the Venetian port, explaining the contribution of the port in the strengthening of the entire Adriatic area.

"The EUSAIR strategy has set at least two objectives to reach before 2020: doubling the current container market share of the Adriatic-Ionian region, thus limiting the environmental impact but especially streamlining the entire logistic chain by reducing the current waiting time at the regional borders by 50%. With our active participation in the work groups of Pillar II "Connecting the Region" we were able to valorise NAPA, today recognized as the "Natural gateway to Central and East-Europe" and as a best practice of cooperation between ports for the competitiveness of the entire region and the harmonization of the port IT processes/systems.

Our experience in the development of the Motorways of the Sea was also recognized; as a matter of fact, the Venice-Igoumenitsa/Patras intermodal corridor and its development potentials are recognized as regional best practices" said Pino Musolino, President of the North Adriatic Sea Port Authority.

The commitment of the Port of Venice to give its contribution to the achievement of the strategic objectives revolves around the development and implementation of two important infrastructures.

The first one is the expansion of the Motorways of the Sea Terminal of Fusina (4 quays, 2 docks and railway terminal) to develop the ro-ro/ro-pax maritime connections and maritime connections with Central-Northern Europe (Venice-Frankfurt standard route). Such an investment is co-financed by the EU under the TEN-T project for the development of the maritime connections with the Greek ports of Igoumenitsa and Patras for approximately 13 million euro.

Then, as announced a few days ago, an infrastructural network will be developed in the Port of Venice for storage, refuelling and distribution of LNG in collaboration with Venice LNG (design and implementation of an

LNG Terminal at the port of Venice equal to 32,000 m3) and with Rimorchiatori Panfido for the design and construction of a barge for LNG transport and refuelling in the port (Marghera, Chioggia), the river system of Northern Italy (Porto Levante, Mantova) and potentially useful to the entire Northern Adriatic area (Ravenna, Trieste and Koper). This project will let Venice to be the first Adriatic port to have an infrastructure for the storage and refuelling of LNG for maritime transport, including cruise ships and next-generation ferry-boats with eco-friendly dual-fuel LNG-diesel driving systems.

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