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MOTORWAY OF THE SEA TURKEY-ITALY-TUNISIA PROJECT

OBJECTIVES

The Project aims to develop a MoS seamless intermodal goods transport service that will bridge Turkey (Mersin and Izmir) to the Maghreb through Tunisia (Tunis and Rades), with calls in the Italian ports of Bari, Brindisi and Taranto.

By optimizing freight transport and logistics chains, and connecting the different shores of the Mediterranean, the project will make a positive contribution to the expansion of trade relations among UfM countries and to the global competitiveness of the Mediterranean. It will offer a high frequency port-to-port Roll-on-Roll-off (Ro-Ro) service combining Short Sea Shipping with other modes of transport (road and rail), whilst adding to and creating synergies with the existing Mediterranean transport system.

BENEFICIARIES

- The countries involved in the project, because of their potential use of regular intermodal connections, in terms of decongesting routes, reducing emissions and pollution and the potential to sell local products.
- Transport operators in the Mediterranean region
- Shippers and mass market distributors
- Intermodal and port terminal operators
- Other Maghreb countries which could take advantage of the new maritime services.

LOCATION

- TURKEY
Izmir, Mersin
- ITALY
Bari, Brindisi,
Taranto
- TUNISIA
Tunis, Rades



DURATION

2014-2015	Feasibility Study
2016	Start-up phase
2017-2037	Implementation of the MoS services (depending on the start-up results)

TOTAL COST

€ 478 M

Expected revenues: € 602 M during an operational life cycle of 20 years

PROJECTS FOR PROGRESS



ACTIONS

- Assess state of play and potential, in relation to traffic flows, condition of infrastructure and principal needs.
- Detailed Design of MoS Services, Technical Requirements and Operations.
- Financial and Economic Appraisal and Business Plan.
- Start of operations.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- The project will optimize freight transport and logistics chains and integrate maritime transport into the global logistics chain, thus helping to strengthen the global competitiveness of the Mediterranean.
- The project will not only connect the Eastern, Southern and Northern shores of the Mediterranean, but also reinforce, complement and create synergies with the existing Mediterranean transport system. By connecting the Trans-European Transport Network to the Trans-Mediterranean Transport Network, it will facilitate exchanges between the two sides of the Mediterranean.
- The project will bring environmental benefits by transforming a good deal of road traffic into maritime traffic (making significant savings in congestion, air pollution and road safety) and shifting from road to rail. Thus, using the Italian railway system for goods loaded/unloaded in the ports of Puglia will move a considerable number of truckloads away from congested motorways and onto the railway system.



PROMOTER

Turkish Chamber of Commerce in Italy

PARTNERS

- Italian College of Railway Engineers (CIFI)
- “Titi Shipping”, a maritime company based in Brindisi, under the patronage of the Honorary General Consulate of Turkey in Brindisi



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