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MOTORWAY OF THE SEA TURKEY-ITALY-TUNISIA PROJECT

OBJECTIVES

- The project is aimed at developing a seamless intermodal goods transport service bridging Turkey with Tunisia with calls in the Ports of Bari, Brindisi and Taranto in Italy, offering a door-to-door Ro-Ro service, which combines Short Sea Shipping with other modes of transport (road, rail).
- The project will contribute to the expansion of the trade relations in the Mediterranean and to optimization of freight transport and logistics chains, as well as the creation of environmental benefits by modal shift from road to sea and from road to rail.

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

9 months	Final design of services and operations
20 years	Implementation of the MoS services

TOTAL COST

€ 477 M (including final design of the services and operations, as well as full operating costs for a life-cycle of 20 years)

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



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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