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UfM Conference on Greening Maritime Transport in the Mediterranean

8-9 June 2023, Barcelona, Spain.

Recent changes in global trends, geopolitics and geo-economics, climate, digital technologies, and infrastructure, are having a profound effect on trade, global and regional supply chains, as well as passenger transport and tourism, and create uncertainties and have significant impact on maritime transport in the Mediterranean region.

A solid response to these new requirements, while achieving a more sustainable and climate-friendly performance, can only be provided by the maritime sector by introducing more ambitious policies, in synergy with zero pollution efforts to reduce its reliance on fossil fuels.

In this framework, the UfM Conference on “Greening Maritime Transport in the Mediterranean”, co-organized by the [UfM Secretariat](#), the [MEDports Association](#) and the Association of the Mediterranean Chambers of Commerce and Industry ([ASCAME](#)) aims to share knowledge and strengthen cooperation between UfM countries and to explore the way forward for this green transition, in particular in the light of the renewed UfM mandate as endorsed by UfM Ministers of Transport on 9 February 2023..

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AGENDA

Thursday, 8 June 2023 | 15.30 – 18.30

Venue: [SIL Barcelona](#)

Address: Fira de Barcelona Montjuic Exhibition Center, Avda. Reina Maria Cristina s/n, 08004 Barcelona

15.00 – 15.30 Registration

15.30 – 15.45 Introductory remarks

- **Ambassador Erdal Sabri ERGEN**, UfM Deputy Secretary General for Transport and Urban Development.
- **Mr Pino MUSOLINO**, President of MEDports Association.

15.45 – 16.45 Policy and regulatory framework for a Green Transition of Maritime Transport in the Mediterranean

Showcasing regional and international policy and regulatory frameworks which could encourage greener maritime transport in the Mediterranean, in particular the renewed UfM Ministerial mandate on Transport and the related Regional Transport Action Plan (RTAP) for the Mediterranean region until 2027, the key environment-related instruments and conventions at international and EU level, and the EU communications for a sustainable and smart mobility strategy and for a sustainable blue economy.

- The renewed UfM Ministerial mandate on Transport
 - **Mr Francesc CARBONELL**, Head of Sector for Transport, UfM Secretariat.
- The EU Communication for a Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy
 - **Mr Maik SCHMAHL**, Senior expert, Directorate D - Waterborne, DG MOVE.- European Commission.
- The European Maritime Transport Environmental Report 2021, the SAFEMED V Project and the CleanSeaNet services
 - **Mr Giuseppe RUSSO**, Senior project Officer for Capacity Building; **Mr Samy DJAVIDNIA**, Senior Project Office; **Mr Ricardo VICENTE**, Project officer for Data Acquisition, **European Maritime Safety Agency - EMSA**

16.45 – 17.00 Break

17.00 – 18.00 Green Ports: Emission Reduction Measures, Energy Transition and Environmental Incentives

Discussing specific measures and best practices at the level of Mediterranean ports to make them greener and more sustainable, including measures for reducing emissions and addressing energy transition, as well more indirect measures relating to port fees, digitalization or optimization of port calls.

Presenting international best practices and initiatives of the port industry as providers of incentives for the shipping industry to improve its environmental performance.

Moderator: Mr Francesc Carbonell, Head of Sector for Transport, UfM Secretariat.

- Specific measures relating to port infrastructure and services for cutting emissions and energy transition
 - **Mr Hector CALLS**, Head of Environmental Sustainability, Port of Barcelona, Spain
 - **Mr Demetrios IATRIDES**, Executive Director, Hellenic Ports Association, Greece
- IAPH's sustainability agenda: focus on the Environmental Ship Index (ESI)
 - **Mr Nick BLACKMORE**, Business Consultant, International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH).

18.00 – 18.15 Closing speech: A new era for ports, viewpoint from the Mediterranean Ports

- **Mr Alessandro PANARO**, Head of Maritime & Energy Research Department at SRM (Intesa Sanpaolo Group)

18.15 – 18.30 Closing remarks

Friday, 9 June 2023 | 9.30 – 13.15

Venue: [Union for the Mediterranean](#)

Address: Palacio de Pedralbes, Pere Duran Farell, 11, 08034 Barcelona, Spain

09.30 – 10.00 Registration

10:00-10:15 Introductory remarks

- **Ambassador Erdal Sabri ERGEN**, UfM Deputy Secretary General for Transport and Urban Development
- **Mr Jordi TORRENT**, Secretary-General of MEDports Association

10:15 – 12:30 Working session with UfM countries on future policy priorities in light of the implementation of the Regional Transport Action Plan (RTAP) measures on greening maritime transport and commercial seaports

10:15 – 11:15 Part 1

- UfM National Transport Coordinators and Maritime Transport Focal Points and MEDports members

11:15 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 12:30 Part 2

- UfM National Transport Coordinators and Maritime Transport Focal Points and MEDports members

12:30 – 13:00 Funding opportunities for greening of maritime transport in the Mediterranean region

- **Mr Andrea TINAGLI**, EIB Representative at the Union for the Mediterranean and Principal Advisor for sustainable finance & Investments

13.00 – 13.15 Conclusions and Way forward

- **UfM Secretariat**

13.15 – 14.30 Networking Lunch