

LIVE SEMINAR



EUSAIR PLATFORM



17th MARCH 2021

**FROM NODES TO SMART NETWORKS:
CONNECTING TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURES
AND SERVICES IN THE ADRIATIC IONIAN REGION.
EUSAIR: CHALLENGES, STRATEGIES, SOLUTIONS.**

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Supporting multimodality of freight transport through cooperation among logistic nodes, also by innovative ICT solutions and "governance" models.

The technical seminar proposed by the Autonomous Friuli Venezia Giulia Region in collaboration with the Port Network Authority of the Eastern Adriatic Sea is included in the activities foreseen by the EUSAIR Facility Point for the 2020 Work Plan of Pillar 2, section Transport, extended to the first months of 2021 due to COVID 19. It aims at identifying **coordinated and cooperative actions for the creation of an integrated system in order to create a more efficient connection network between ports and intermodal systems located on the two shores of the Adriatic Sea within the EUSAIR area.**

The objective of the seminar is to propose possible "shared" solutions both from the point of view of technological innovation and "governance", on the basis of the analysis of the criticalities of the current state of the art through the identification of the elements that represent the main "bottlenecks/infrastructural and non-infrastructural gaps" hindering the development of intermodality in the Adriatic Ionian area as well as examples of "best practices".

In the context of the process of integrating the countries of the Balkan area into the European Union and the related "extension" of the transport corridors of the Trans-European networks in this strategic area for the future of the European Union, the identified "complex" system may represent a "fundamental" added value in order to consider **the EUSAIR area a "single logistics platform"**, also considering environmental sustainability.

Even taking into account the 2020 different scenarios due to the repercussions of the COVID 19 pandemic on the world economy, this area would have the opportunity to strengthen its strategic position by enhancing its role of "bridge and hinge" in the eastern quadrant of the Mediterranean, essential for the development of the traffic flows to and from Central and Eastern Europe coming from the Far East and fully integrated in the global supply chains.

Against this background, the Autonomous Friuli Venezia Giulia Region can be considered as a *single logistic platform* thanks to the integration between its port and hinterland system, and would like to contribute to the seminar by bringing its own good practices in the field of governance and application of technological innovations.

The seminar aims at providing an opportunity for a discussion among the main stakeholders of the Adriatic Ionian area in order to find the best solutions to the infrastructural bottlenecks, also for the "last mile" connections, through innovative technological tools (ICT) and forms of "coordinated" collaboration among the logistic nodes within a system platform, as well as the development of coordinated policies among the different EUSAIR countries for the identification of support measures (incentives) for the development of intermodality and maritime links.



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9:30 - 10:00

Connection to the EUSAIR web platform

10:00 - 10:30

Welcome and opening speeches

Moderator: **Sandra Sodini**, Autonomous Friuli Venezia Giulia Region**Graziano Pizzimenti**, Councilor for Infrastructure and Territory of Autonomous Friuli Venezia Giulia Region**Zeno D'Agostino**, President of the Port Network Authority of the Eastern Adriatic Sea, Vice-President of the European Sea Ports Association**Pierluigi Coppola**, Coordinator of the EUSAIR Pillar 2 "Connecting the Region" Coordinator

10:30 - 11:45

Session **Integrating supply chains at transnational level**Moderator: **Alberto Cozzi**, Port Network Authority of the Eastern Adriatic Sea**KEYNOTE SPEECH N. 1****The transition of ports from nodes to ecosystems in global supply chains: new roles, new challenges**prof. **Francesco Parola**, Councilor Transport Regulatory Authority- ART**KEYNOTE SPEECH N. 2****The role of IT systems in the management of global supply chains: the port perspective****Richard Morton**, Secretary General of the International Port Community System Association - IPCSA**KEYNOTE SPEECH N. 3****EU priorities and financial instruments supporting sustainable and reinforcement of freight transport in the EUSAIR area****Wojciech Sopinski**, TEN-T Mediterranean Corridor, European Commission

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11:45 - 12:45

Round table discussion The integration of ports, infrastructures and supply chains in EUSAIR: which road ahead?Moderator: prof. **Francesco Parola**,

- **Piræus Port Authority (GR) (tbc)**
- **Durres Port Authority (AL) (tbc)**
- **Deda Delović**, Deputy CEO Bar Port Authority (ME)
- **Vojko Kocijan**, Head of Development and Project Department Port of Rijeka Authority (CRO)
- **Luka Koper (SLO) (tbc)**
- **Zeno D'Agostino**, President of the Port Network Authority of the Eastern Adriatic Sea_ Ports of Trieste and Monfalcone (IT)

12:45

Conclusions

Alain Baron, European Commission, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport

