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**January 2022**

**SUSPORT presented at the workshop “Intermodality and environmental impact”**

The SUSPORT project co-organized a joint communication event with the MIMOSA and ADRIGREEN projects, co-funded by the Interreg Italy-Croatia Programme, titled “Intermodality and environmental impact” on December 10th 2021.

The workshop was a cross-fertilisation event among different projects, having the same focus: the environmental protection and sustainability of freight and passenger transport in the Adriatic Sea, each project describing the outcomes of the respective project activities and lessons learned. In this framework, the Port Network Authority of the Eastern Adriatic Sea, LP of the SUSPORT – Sustainable PORTs strategic project – introduced the main project content and preliminary outputs, underlining the need for further cooperation among current and future projects having similar scope.

Also, representatives from the ports of Ravenna and Ploče presented the pilot actions which they already implemented and the concrete impact at cross-border level.



**December 2021**

**INTESA, PROMARES and SUSPORT projects featured in the NAPA Joint Declaration**

A Joint Declaration was signed in Venice on Dec. 3rd 2021 by the ports of the North Adriatic Ports Association (NAPA) – namely the Ports of Venice and Chioggia, Trieste and Monfalcone, Ravenna, Koper and Rijeka; NAPA ports have undertaken to promote and strengthen the trilateral cooperation between Italy, Croatia and Slovenia which was launched in December 2020 and consolidated in April 2021.

Backed by Italy's Ministry of Infrastructure and Sustainable Mobility in cooperation with the corresponding Ministries of Croatia and Slovenia, the agreement is aimed at implementing the commitments made by the Foreign Ministers of the three countries in the areas of concern of the North Adriatic ports, namely green and smart port policies and connections to the TEN-T networks. Through the Joint Declaration, the Ports of Venice and Chioggia, Trieste and Monfalcone, Ravenna, Koper and Rijeka committed to continuing their cooperation in the fields of connectivity, digitalisation and environmental sustainability.

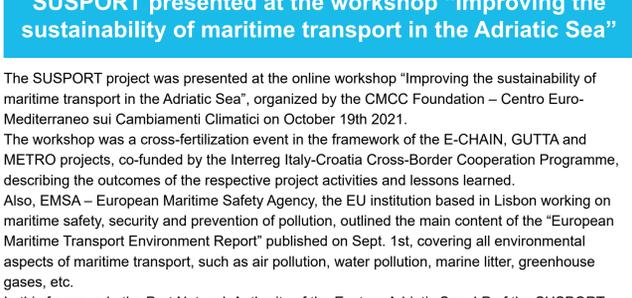
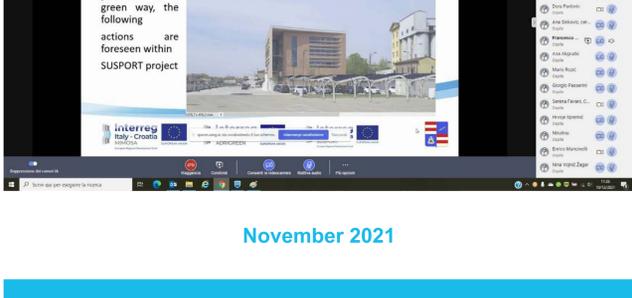
The projects INTESA, PROMARES and SUSPORT – co-funded by the Interreg Italy-Croatia Programme - are explicitly recalled as examples of such cooperation, highlighting the precious contribution of Interreg programmes to institutional cooperation across the Adriatic Sea.

A short video of the event can be viewed on Youtube, at the following link:  
[https://lnkd.in/eQXMG8\\_U](https://lnkd.in/eQXMG8_U)



**Intermodality and environmental impact**

Mimosa project public event “Intermodality and environmental impact” took place online on December 10th. On behalf of our project SUSPORT presentations was held by our lead partner Mr. Alberto Cozzi and our partners from Ravenna Mr. Francesco Magagnoli, and from Ploče Mr. Darko Plečas. We had a great online event, exchanged so many useful information and also gained some new knowledge that will help us in SUSPORT and all other upcoming project.



**November 2021**

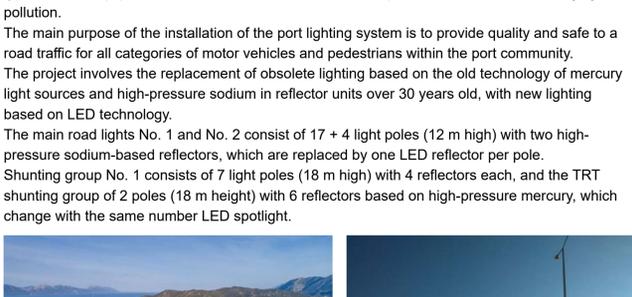
**SUSPORT presented at the workshop “Improving the sustainability of maritime transport in the Adriatic Sea”**

The SUSPORT project was presented at the online workshop “Improving the sustainability of maritime transport in the Adriatic Sea”, organized by the CMCC Foundation – Centro Euro-Mediterraneo sui Cambiamenti Climatici on October 19th 2021.

The workshop was a cross-fertilisation event in the framework of the E-CHAIN, GUTTA and METRO projects, co-funded by the Interreg Italy-Croatia Cross-Border Cooperation Programme, describing the outcomes of the respective project activities and lessons learned. Also, EMSA – European Maritime Safety Agency, the EU institution based in Lisbon working on maritime safety, security and prevention of pollution, outlined the main content of the “European Maritime Transport Environment Report” published on Sept. 1st, covering all environmental aspects of maritime transport, such as air pollution, water pollution, marine litter, greenhouse gases, etc.

In this framework, the Port Network Authority of the Eastern Adriatic Sea, LP of the SUSPORT – Sustainable PORTs strategic project – introduced the main project content and preliminary outputs, underlining the need for further cooperation among all freight transport stakeholders – from the sea and land side alike – in order to reduce the environmental impact of port operations, in the light of the EU Green Deal objectives.

The event can be viewed on YouTube, at the following link: <https://lnkd.in/gU24Tgax>



**October 2021**

**Replacement of the existing port lighting system with energy-efficient technology**

Port of Ploče Authority is the partner within the SUSPORT project which is financed under Interreg IT- HR Program. One of the pilot activities is the replacement of the existing port lighting system with energy-efficient technology. Pilot activities will be implemented in the port of Ploče area on the sections of the main port road No. 1 and 2, shunting tracks of the bulk cargo terminal (TRT) and shunting tracks No. 1.

The technical solution is based on the previous experience and the recommendations. Calculations of lighting equipment are based for this type of the facility in port areas, as well as the typification of equipment, or aesthetic and environmental requirements related to reducing light pollution.

The main purpose of the installation of the port lighting system is to provide quality and safe to a road traffic for all categories of motor vehicles and pedestrians within the port community. The project involves the replacement of obsolete lighting based on the old technology of mercury light sources and high-pressure sodium in reflector units over 30 years old, with new lighting based on LED technology.

The main road lights No. 1 and No. 2 consist of 17 + 4 light poles (12 m high) with two high-pressure sodium-based reflectors, which are replaced by one LED reflector per pole. Shunting group No. 1 consists of 7 light poles (18 m high) with 4 reflectors each, and the TRT shunting group of 2 poles (18 m high) with 6 reflectors based on high-pressure mercury, which change with the same number LED spotlight.



**September 2021**

**SUSPORT presented at SMOOTH PORTS project meeting**

The SUSPORT project was presented at a project meeting of the SMOOTH PORTS project in Monfalcone on Sept. 23rd 2021.

SMOOTH PORTS is a project co-funded by the Interreg Europe Cooperation Programme whose main aim is to reduce CO2 emissions derived from road traffic in port areas and developing strategies for smooth and efficient transport flows.

To achieve these aims, SMOOTH PORTS wants to utilise the differences of the project partners' ports through an exchange of effective tools and best practices. A key focus lies on finding optimal procedures for the clearance of the goods that are so vital for society and commerce – making their processing speedy and avoiding unnecessary burdens on environment and people. A further focus will be on the different approaches regarding Information and Communications Technology solutions for various traffic related port activities as well as on the question what alternative fuels can power port activities in the future.

Based on this, a comparison of the strengths and weaknesses of the respective policy instruments will help to improve the local policy instruments of the partners. This close and joint effort between the different authorities, public institutions and ports will produce a beneficial synergy from which all stakeholders benefit.

SMOOTH PORTS project is led by the City of Hamburg and its partners are the Port Network Authority of the Northern Tyrrhenian Sea, the City of Monfalcone, the Port of Nantes Saint-Nazaire Authority and the Regional Administration Varna

Given the similar scope – port environmental sustainability - the Port Network Authority of the Eastern Adriatic Sea, LP of the SUSPORT – Sustainable PORTs strategic project – introduced the main project content and preliminary outputs, resulting in a fruitful exchange of experiences and cross-fertilisation between EU-funded projects.



**SUSPORT at the ECOWAVES conference**

The Zadar Port Authority and the Intermodal Transport Cluster presented the SUSPORT project as an example of good practice at the ECOWAVES conference entitled “Strengthening the capacity for proper waste management in the port area” held on September 29, 2021 in Zadar.

The pilot activities implemented within the SUSPORT project in Croatia were presented, and the advantages of their implementation were explained.



**The second green car purchased by the Port System Authority**

The second green car purchased by the Port System Authority thanks to the resources made available by the European SUSPORT Project, “SustainablePORTs”, was delivered recently. It will increase energy efficiency and environmental sustainability within the port.

The new plug-in hybrid vehicle is added to the electric vehicle already purchased in January, again as part of the community project; helping to reduce the carbon footprint of the ADSP activities. The car, as well as the vehicle already supplied, will be recharged by the electric column already installed in the courtyard of the institution, again with European funds from SUSPORT. The Port System Authority participates in the SUSPORT Project, funded by the Interreg VA Italy-Croatia CBC cross-border cooperation program with the aim of increasing energy efficiency and environmental sustainability within the ports involved in the Project.



**August 2021**

**Vega, an adventurous application**

Vega, an adventurous application developed by ADSP MAM, begins. Objective, to improve the energy sustainability of maritime and multimodal transportation in the five ports of the southern Adriatic Sea ports authority system.

The Southern Adriatic Sea Ports Authority System strengthens its action to protect the environment in its ports: the VEGA system becomes operational.

The VEGA system was developed as part of the activities foreseen by the project “SUSPORT - Sustainable PORTs” financed by the Programme Interreg Italy-Croatia 2014-2020 with the aim of improving the energy sustainability of maritime and multimodal transport in the ports of Bari, Brindisi, Barletta, Monopoli and Manfredonia, through the development of joint action plans aimed at coordinating all the main actors involved in the maritime transport sector.

As part of the project “SUSPORT”, the phase nr. 2 of the project is also underway, aimed at acquiring new environmental monitoring devices to satisfy the needs of all the SASPA. The system, designed and developed to be completely configurable with respect to monitoring needs (which may differ in each part of application), provides advanced consultation dashboards, through which heterogeneous data can be interpolated, such as the impact factor of infrastructural works on the main environmental monitoring benchmarks.



**SUSPORT brings together 17 partners from Italy and Croatia:**



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