



PRESS RELEASE

**NEW TRAIN ON THE KIEL-GÖTEBORG ROUTE
FROM TRIESTE THE FIRST OPERATIONAL CONNECTION
ALONG THE BALTIC-ADRIATIC CORRIDOR
THE OPENING-UP OF THE MARKET TO DENMARK, SWEDEN, NORWAY AND FINLAND**

The port of Trieste is further expanding its catchment area: tomorrow the first programmed intermodal long-distance train along the Kiel-Göteborg route will get the go-ahead. The train will transport containers, semitrailers and swap bodies arriving to and departing from Turkey/Greece via sea, the market of the Baltic area being its origin/destination. The train will depart from Trieste at 11:00 a.m. and arrive in Kiel, Germany, at 1:00 p.m. of the following day. From Kiel, the cargo will continue via sea and will reach Göteborg in Sweden on Friday morning.

The service represents the first operational connection along the TEN-T Baltic-Adriatic corridor.

“This project confirms the great railway vocation of the city of Trieste” – stated the President of the Port System Authority of the Eastern Adriatic Sea, Zeno D'Agostino. “Not only are we consolidating the role of the port as a preferential gateway to the market of Central and Eastern Europe, but we are also poised to expand our catchment area up to the Northern part of the continent, reaching Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Finland”.

The initiative was undertaken upon request by EKOL, a logistics operator that has been using the EMT Terminal of Pier VI of the Port of Trieste for a long time and has recently acquired a majority stake in the Port. This intermodal project envisages the cooperation of TX Logistik AG and Mercitalia Rail S.r.l. in rail traction with Alpe Adria S.p.A. and TX Logistik AG acting as MTO (Multimodal Transport Operator), and Stena Line in charge of the maritime route up to Göteborg.

Trieste is connected to Göteborg via a railway route of 1,360 km to Kiel and a sea route of 234 nautical miles, entailing 26-hour railway transit time and 14 hours by ferry.

A train will comprise 16 double “Poche” wagons with a loading capacity of 32 ITU (intermodal transport units of 45 feet or 13.6 metres).

Initially the train will operate a round trip a week and then, depending on the volume of traffic, up to three round trips a week.

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