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THE PORT OF TRIESTE SIGNS AN AGREEMENT WITH KOMBIVERKEHR TO CREATE AN INTERMODAL CORRIDOR WITH THE NEUSS TERMINAL IN GERMANY

D'Agostino: the Port of Trieste is increasingly European in scope

Trieste, 6 June 2019 – Today, at the Transport Logistic trade fair in Munich the Port Network Authority of the Eastern Adriatic Sea and the Kombiverkehr group signed a Memorandum of Understanding that defines a shared goal of promoting an intermodal corridor between the Port of Trieste and the Neuss Trimodal terminal located on the Rhine river near Düsseldorf and managed by Kombiverkehr. The agreement outlines a process to develop a structural partnership between the two hubs, by identifying pre-requisites in terms of railroad infrastructure and the organization of logistics flows within the Port of Trieste and Neuss Trimodal, and defining future operating conditions for achieving higher standards of production and greater economies of scale in the rail sector. “Kombiverkehr was the first foreign operator to believe in the intermodal development of our port”, said Port Authority president Zeno D’Agostino. “Strengthening these links with a new partnership is a way to affirm our desire to become a port whose outlook is increasingly international. For this reason, we aim to strengthen our presence beyond the Alps, in Neuss, by collaborating with a terminal whose potential in terms of logistics is very high”. This agreement with the German logistics operator Kombiverkehr, together with the announcement of the new rail service to Nuremberg that will be inaugurated in July, testifies to the strong links between the Port of Trieste and Germany, with 55 weekly links at present. It should be noted that this traffic has excellent margins for growth not only thanks to the transit time offered by the Adriatic maritime route, which is faster than the northern European one, but especially thanks to the potential of the free port and to the ongoing investments in rail transport in the Port of Trieste, which is increasingly becoming the ‘intermodal gateway’ to Europe through the Adriatic Sea.

