



Press release

## **NAPA: The year 2013 will see major initiatives in the international arena**

The Trieste Port Authority hosted the annual meeting of the North Adriatic Ports Association (NAPA) yesterday.

The Association's current president, Marina Monassi, together with representatives from the ports of Venice, Rijeka, and Koper, opened the meeting by calling attention to the successes achieved in 2012 at the international level – accreditation with European institutions and active interaction with reference markets (Europe and Asia) – and approved the final balance for 2013 (amounting to € 230,000, with a surplus of € 19,000). "During the meeting - says Marina Monassi – we launched the verification procedure to endow NAPA with legal person status. We also approved initiatives to promote the North Adriatic in both in terms of freight traffic - in India, Vietnam, and Egypt – and, as proposed by the Rijeka Authority, in terms of passenger traffic, a new sector of interest for NAPA, ".

The meeting also approved the initiatives of the Venice Authority with regards to the amendments to the agreement underwritten between NAPA and the Region of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern for the development of networks linking the North Adriatic with the Baltic, and on the extension to reference regions of the memorandum underwritten by NAPA ports on March 22, 2011 and regarding collaboration in infrastructure projects.

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