



press release

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The Trieste Port Authority is participating in the INWAPO “Upgrading of inland waterways and sea ports” European Project, part of the Central Europe 2007 - 2013 programme.

The INWAPO project offers a new perspective for the Port of Trieste: the chance to interact with Central Europe’s inland waterways system in order to boost freight traffic with expanding markets. The project explores how this complex system of waterways could be linked to the Port of Trieste. The INWAPO project, which has an overall budget of about € 3.8 million, aims to improve intermodal transport and boost maritime and river transport - which is currently underutilized - as an alternative to road transport along 3 waterway systems: the ports of the northern Adriatic (Venice, Trieste, Koper), the ports of the Danube (Vienna, Budapest, Bratislava, Komarno, Sturovo), and Czech and Polish ports north to the Baltic Sea (the Elbe, Vistula, and Oder river systems).

This three-year project, which ends in September 2014, includes an analysis of potential river and maritime traffic, the identification of existing infrastructure shortcomings, and a feasibility study for the strengthening of intermodal services with all partners agreeing on the actions to be undertaken (such as investments, equipment, services, etc.).

The Trieste Port Authority will receive a contribution of about € 138,000 and will complete several studies: an analysis of the potential volume of traffic generated by agro-industrial goods, the definition of indicators that can be compared with those for the other ports involved in the project in order to identify any infrastructure needs and related investments, and a feasibility study to improve links with logistics centres and Europe’s main transport axes.

“Participation in the Inwapo project - says APT President Marina Monassi - is important for the port, in order to foster an exchange of operational experiences with the other project partners. Additionally, we look with interest to northern Italy’s inland waterways system, which has grown significantly in recent years and has great potential. Regarding this last point, it would be important to create greater collaboration and coordination between ports and the inland navigation network, with an eye towards achieving European recognition of the Italian inland waterways system”.

<http://www.inwapo-project.eu/>

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