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FVG-BAVARIA RELATIONS: TUM INTERNATIONAL, A MUNICH POLYTECHNIC COMPANY, TEAMS UP WITH THE PORT OF TRIESTE A COMPETENCE CENTRE FOR PORT AND ENERGY LOGISTICS IS SET TO START

AGREEMENT BETWEEN TRIESTE PORT, TUM INTERNATIONAL, TAL-SIOT AND THE ITALIAN-GERMAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SIGNED TODAY THE FIRST CONSULTANCY PROJECT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PORT IN TEXAS IS ALREADY UNDERWAY

Trieste, 3 February 2020 –TUM International, a development company of Munich Technical University, the famous top-ranking polytechnic for technical disciplines in Germany, has chosen the Port of Trieste as its strategic partner.

A Memorandum of Understanding between Trieste Port, TAL-SIOT (Italian Society for the Transalpine Pipeline), the Italian-German Chamber of Commerce and TUM International has been signed at the offices of the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region, setting up a Competence Centre for Port and Energy Logistics. The objective is to develop innovative, value-building projects by networking with the Bavarian and German productive systems, in a framework of sustainable growth.

“Strategically, the port of Trieste has achieved international standing –commented the President of the Port Network Authority of the Eastern Adriatic Sea, Zeno D’Agostino – and this agreement acknowledges our port’s ability to be an international reference point also for the German world”.

Among the various fields of activity, the Competence Centre will focus on the transportation of liquid bulk cargo, in consideration of the importance in this sector of SIOT and Trieste Port, which maintains its position as first oil terminal in the Mediterranean.

Along these lines of cooperation, a first consultancy project is already underway in the United States. Called “Seahawk”, this project involves a major port in Texas and aims to develop, with the direct coordination of the company TUM International, new port infrastructures and a pipeline to promote exports of the crude oil produced inland from the Texan port.

The project involves providing support by transferring know-how from the Trieste-Bavarian partnership to the US port and opens up interesting possibilities to strengthen Trieste’s role within the growing exports of Texan crude oil, which is increasingly in demand for its lower environmental impact, for example in the area of the production of fuels for maritime transport. Of note, only a few weeks ago a Texan delegation visited the headquarters of the Port Authority and TAL-SIOT plant for the practical launch of the first phase of the project.

“The partnership with TUM, which is immediately operational with this major project in the United States, goes beyond this project in Texas. We will also be collaborating on other international port development plans” – explains D’Agostino. Within the Memorandum, a possible collaboration between TUM International and the Port Authority may involve the development of digital models

of the territory and new port facilities, to help optimise business plans directed to various goals, including environmental safety, monitoring and protection.

The Port of Trieste has therefore become a driver of development by promoting technological innovation through an agreement that launches not only the port but the entire territory on the international scene. Today's signature is just one example of the institutional relations between the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region and the German state, and attests to the great interest Bavaria has in the Port of Trieste, which represents not only its natural outlet to the sea, but also a potential partner for its international projects.