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PORT TRAFFIC IN 2019 **Historical record for containers +9%: 790,000 TEU** **Trieste leading Italian port for total tonnage** **Rail traffic: 10,000 trains**

Trieste, 13th February 2020 – In 2019 Trieste confirmed itself as the leading Italian port with 62,000,000 tons handled, with an additional 4,000,000 tons handled by the port of Monfalcone.

The year just ended achieved two important goals. On the one hand, container traffic recorded the liveliest growth, reaching 790,000 TEU, with a 9% increase over 2018. This is a historical record for the port as a whole, as well as the highest increase recorded among all of the port's activity sectors. On the other, rail traffic, which has grown significantly over the last few years, consolidated the results of 2018, reaching the goal of 10,000 trains and 210,000 lorries taken off the roads.

“As regards trains – states D’Agostino - the results obtained in these past few years have been extremely encouraging, both in terms of performance, which has allowed us to double the 2014 figures from 5,000 to 10,000 trains, and in terms of future investments in the rail sector, which amount to 200 million euro. Now we are set to face new challenges. In 2019 we started the construction works at Campo Marzio, but 2020 is the year we’ll be starting on the more substantial projects”.

Of note, in the container sector, 56% of traffic arriving at or leaving Trieste in 2019 used the railway. This proportion is steadily rising and has already exceeded the percentage that the EU has set as a goal for European rail cargo for the year 2050 (50%). Even in the “Motorways of the Sea” sector, despite a decrease in traffic, rail transport is taking on an important role: 29% of all lorries embarking or disembarking at Trieste port (mainly from/to Turkey) last year were transported by train.

As regards the single product areas, liquid bulk remained stable at above 43,000,000 tons handled (+0.30%). An increase was also recorded for the dry bulk sector which recorded a 3% growth with 1,700,000 tons handled. General cargo experienced a decline (-5%), owing to the negative result of the Ro-Ro sector (-24%), which went from 299,000 units transiting in 2018 to 228,000 in 2019. This result entailed a slight contraction (-1%) of the port's total volumes from 62,600,000 to 62,000,000.