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A BAVARIAN DELEGATION FROM UPPER FRANCONIA VISITS THE PORT OF TRIESTE

INTEREST IN NEW RAIL LINKS AND THE ROLE OF TRIESTE IN THE NEW SILK ROAD

Trieste, 5 July 2018 – A delegation of German entrepreneurs from Upper Franconia (Oberfranken), one of the seven administrative districts of the federal state of Bavaria, visited the Port of Trieste for two days of institutional meetings and appointments.

The visit was promoted by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Upper Franconia and Bayreuth, the district's capital, in collaboration with the Italian-German Chamber of Commerce in Munich.

The Port of Trieste's dynamic activity on the international market, the performance of rail traffic on a European scale, and the role that Trieste will be able to play in the Chinese project for a New Silk Road were the main reasons for this institutional meeting.

The delegation, comprising about thirty entrepreneurs, shipping agents, and operators in the maritime and logistics sectors in the Bavarian district visited the port's main terminals (piers VII, VI and V), the construction yard for the Logistics Platform, and the Saipem terminal in Porto Vecchio.

These visits were followed by a series of institutional and commercial meetings at the Torre del Lloyd with representatives from the Port Authority, trade associations, and companies operating in the port.

The delegation's members had many questions, especially regarding the port's intermodal network, the development of new logistics and dry port areas, and the port's potential with regards to the New Silk Road project (One Belt One Road Initiative).

The delegation was headed by Laura Krainz-Leupoldt, Vice-President of IHK – Chamber of Commerce of Upper Franconia and Bayreuth, a businesswoman originally from Trieste who showed a strong interest in creating new commercial ties between Franconia and the port. Harald Leupold, Vice-President of the Nuremberg Chamber of Commerce, underlined the strong export-oriented nature of the business community in the part of Bavaria around Nuremberg, and which currently uses northern European ports, but may find it more advantageous in the future to use Trieste as new intermodal links are developed. Alessandro Marino, Secretary General of the Italian-German Chamber of Commerce in Munich, and Sabine Lehmann, Director of the Bavarian Association of Shipping Agents, stressed the role of the port of Trieste as a strategic hub in trade relations between the Far East and Europe.