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PORT OF TRIESTE: RAIL TRAFFIC CONTINUES TO GROW

Data from the first semester of 2019 show an increase in rail transport (+ 7%) and double-digit growth for the container sector (+ 13%)

Trieste, 20 September 2019 – The port of Trieste is ever more sustainable thanks to rail transport, which grew by 7.37% (5,171 trains handled) in the first semester of 2019 compared to the same period in 2018. The container sector saw double-digit growth of 13.33% compared to the same period in the previous year, for a total of 391,068 TEUs handled. Dry bulk also did well, growing by 27.55% with 1,010,302 tonnes. This is some of the main traffic data from the port of Trieste for the first semester of 2019 presented before an audience of over 400 national and international leadings lights from the logistics sector by Zeno D'Agostino, President of the Port Network Authority of the Adriatic Sea at the "Trieste Intermodal Day - TID", a new incubator on future logistics and intermodality in Europe

"The main characteristic of the port of Trieste is that it is first and foremost European. About 90% of our work deals with a market basin that works for Europe – especially northern, central, and eastern Europe – and as a consequence we make heavy use of rail links, which is the exact opposite of what happens in the rest of Italy and Europe, because our reference markets may be up to 1,000 km away" explains D'Agostino. "In the container sector, which is linked to intercontinental traffic with the Far East, no less than 55% of the cargo loaded or offloaded at Trieste uses railroads. This indicator is constantly growing and has already surpassed the 50% share that the EU has set as its target for intermodal transfer in European cargo traffic for 2050".

The performance of the railway sector is acquiring increasing value. At Punto Franco Nuovo there were 4,007 trains with a growth of 6.68%, spearheaded by the results achieved by the container sector with 1,944 trains (+24.38%) and pier V with 1,204 trains (+17.23%). Good results were also achieved by the industrial port with 1,164 trains (+9.81%). The motorways of the sea sector, which naturally looks towards road transport, is also shifting towards rail: 24% of all lorries arriving or leaving from Trieste, mainly to and from Turkey, is currently transferred by train, to the benefit of the European motorway network that enjoys reduced traffic.

"This is the roadmap for a competitive port such as ours – states D'Agostino – that is able to increase traffic, but with an eye towards environmental sustainability. In Trieste we can and must do both. This is why we launched the TID incubator in our city, in our port, which have always had railways in their DNA".

Despite a slight drop in the total volume of cargo handled during the first six months of the year – 30,721,066 tonnes or a 1.44% decrease – traffic data for the port of Trieste shows positive performances for the main categories of goods, especially as mentioned above the dry bulk and container sectors. Compared to the first semester of 2018, there was a slight decrease in the liquid bulk sector, with 21,102,476 tonnes (-1.87%) and for the miscellaneous goods sector (-2.98%). The Ro-Ro sector continued to see a decrease in growth, with 111,987 units or a drop of 28%.