



Port Network Authority  
of the Eastern Adriatic Sea  
Ports of Trieste and Monfalcone

## PRESS RELEASE

### **THE PORT OF TRIESTE IS ONCE AGAIN A LEAD PARTNER IN A EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT**

#### **SUSPORT - “SUSTAINABLE PORTS” TO LAUNCH SOON**

#### **A COLLABORATION BETWEEN ADRIATIC PORTS IN ITALY AND CROATIA**

Trieste, 5 May 2020 – The Port of Trieste is once again a lead partner in a European environmental project: Susport “SUSTAINABLE PORTS”, recently approved by the Interreg Italy-Croatia Cross-Border Programme. The project has a budget of about € 7 million, of which 753,000 have been earmarked for the Port System Authority of the Eastern Adriatic Sea, and a duration of 34 months.

The main goal of Susport is to improve the environmental performance and energy efficiency of the Adriatic ports involved by implementing pilot activities in several sectors, such as noise reduction, air quality, and CO2 emissions.

Susport is the only strategic project in the maritime cargo sector approved by the Programme, and it involves all Port Network Authorities in the Italian Adriatic (in addition to Trieste, it also involves Venice, Ravenna, Ancona and Bari, and Porto Nogaro), the main Croatian ports (Rijeka, Zadar, Split, Ploče, Dubrovnik), research centres, and promotion agencies in both countries.

The Port of Trieste will build upon previous studies on the carbon footprint of the port system, which includes Monfalcone. It will replace all lighting in the port’s public areas with LED systems and will purchase an electric vehicle, in synergy with the other activities it is carrying out in these sectors through other European projects.

Susport is the 7th environmental project being implemented by the Trieste Port Authority, with total investments in the environmental sector amounting to € 6.4 million, and European funding in the sector amounting to about € 5.6 million.

“Environmental protection is becoming increasingly strategic for ports – stated Zeno D’Agostino, President of the Port Authority. “It is also thanks to European projects that ports in different countries are working together effectively. Together we can accomplish so much more, by exchanging best practices and adopting uniform protocols. The ports of the future can and must be green. This is what we want to achieve, and this is what citizens and stakeholders are asking of us, especially in this historical moment”.

The total budget of all the European projects implemented by the Port of Trieste amounts to € 129 million, of which 33 in EU funding. There are currently 21 active projects in a variety of sectors: in addition to the 7 environmental projects, there are 9 infrastructure and ICT projects, 4 dealing with physical infrastructure (including the TriesteRailPort project focusing on strengthening the Campo Marzio station), and one on the preservation of cultural heritage.