



Port Network Authority
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PRESS RELEASE

THE PORT OF TRIESTE IS TEMPORARILY PLACED UNDER A COMMISSIONER

AFTER AN ANAC DECISION ASSUMING THE INVALIDITY OF ZENO D'AGOSTINO'S APPOINTMENT AS PRESIDENT OF THE PORT NETWORK AUTHORITY OF THE EASTERN ADRIATIC SEA, MARIO SOMMARIVA HAS BEEN NOMINATED AS COMMISSIONER

SOMMARIVA'S APPOINTMENT TOOK PLACE AS AT FRIDAY 6 2020 BY THE SECRETARY OF INFRASTRUCTURES AND TRANSPORTATION MS. PAOLA DE MICHELI

SOMMARIVA HAS IMMEDIATELY SIGNED A DECREE CONFIRMING THE VALIDITY OF ALL ACTS SIGNED DURING D'AGOSTINO'S TERM

Trieste, 6 June 2020 – The Port of Trieste has been placed under a temporary commissioner management after a decision by ANAC (the Italian Authority competent inter alia to check the validity of appointments of high public officers). ANAC believes that Zeno D'Agostino could not be appointed as President of the Port Network Authority of the Eastern Adriatic Sea, being at the same time chairperson of Trieste Terminal Passeggeri, i.e. the local company entrusted with the management of cruise services, in which the Authority holds a 40% stake. The decision dates back to March 16, but the Port of Trieste headquarters were notified only a few days ago.

The reaction by the Secretary of Infrastructures and Transports, Ms. Paola De Micheli, was immediate and telling: the appointment of Mario Sommariva as commissioner for the Port Network Authority reveals her appreciation (and that of the Government) for Zeno D'Agostino's work.

The appointment of Mr. Sommariva, currently the Secretary General of the Port of Trieste, was made official late yesterday evening when the Minister signed the decree. His appointment ensures the continuity of the Authority's management and the conclusion of all ongoing projects. Ms. Paola De Micheli restated also that all acts and deeds adopted during D'Agostino's terms of office remain valid and in force.

For any sake, upon his appointment Sommariva has immediately signed a decree confirming the validity and effectiveness of all acts and deeds adopted between 2016 to this day.

“I would like to thank Minister Paola De Micheli for trusting me”, said Mario Sommariva. “My appointment is meant to ensure stability and continuity for the time necessary to fully re-establish its institutions, which I hope will take place as soon as possible. The port is the economic engine of the city, and it cannot stop not even slow down its pace of development”.

Sommariva, a native of Genoa, has extensive experience in the maritime and port sectors. In addition to having worked as Secretary General of the Port of Trieste since 2016, and of the Port of Bari from 2007 to 2014, he served in leadership positions in port labour and social matters.