



Port Network Authority  
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Ports of Trieste and Monfalcone

## PRESS RELEASE

### **PORT OF TRIESTE: THE FIRST QUADRIMESTER SAW AN INCREASE IN TRAFFIC FOR CONTAINERS (+4%) RO-RO (+31.93%) AND RAIL CARGO (+8.52%)**

### **STARTING IN APRIL, TOTAL VOLUME ALSO GREW FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE PANDEMIC (+20.44%)**

Trieste, 1 June 2021 – The recent accident in the Suez Canal and the ongoing pandemic did not affect container traffic in the Port of Trieste during the first quadrimester of 2021: traffic increased by nearly + 4% with 250,284 TEUs handled. Overall, the port handled 205,417 full TEUs (+5.29%) and 44,867 empty ones (-2.15%).

The uptick in traffic during these first four months of the year was strongly driven by the Ro-Ro sector, which consolidated existing positive trends (+31.93%) with 96,904 units handled. Solid bulk cargo bucked the trend (- 9.06%), with 160,401 tonnes handled, but liquid bulk cargo performed even worse (-17.65%) with 10,392,063 tonnes.

The latter negative trend, which still reflects the negative conjuncture caused by the global health emergency inevitably affected the total volume handled during the quadrimester, which declined (- 9.55%) compared to the same period last year with 16,281,291 tonnes handled. However, the numbers from the month of April denote encouraging signs of recovery in the liquid bulk sector (+24.64%), generating immediate cascading benefits on total volume handled in the Port of Trieste, which for the first time since the pandemic shows double-digit growth (+20.44%) compared to the same month the previous year.

With regards to rail cargo, the Port of Trieste's network can count on over 200 weekly train departures to much of Europe. It has continued to expand during the pandemic, with several lines to Austria being strengthened and the launch of a new service to Nuremberg in Germany. The numbers are only really starting to bounce back now, with a return to pre-Covid levels: 3,045 trains ran during the first four months (+8.52%), but the numbers from April alone show a much more dramatic increase (+ 40.40%). This was driven primarily by the excellent performance of piers VII and V, and by the resuming of Siderurgica Triestina's rail traffic transporting raw materials to steelworks in Cremona.

Turning to the Port of Monfalcone, a total of 963,288 tonnes of cargo (-11.30%) were handled at Portorosega during the first four months of the year. The decrease mostly reflects the performance of the general cargo (-22.65%) and solid bulk (-5.40%) sectors. Worth remarking on is the performance of the sub-category of metallurgical products (+1.93%), whose 630,926 tonnes account for 93.35% of solid bulk handled and 65.50% of total volume in Monfalcone. There were reassuring signs of recovery for the container sector (+30.59%) and 286 TEUs. Negative trends were instead recorded for the commercial vehicles sector (-3.52%) with 27,248 units handled; this sector was affected by difficulties in procuring raw materials and electronic components, which is impacting the entire automobile industry and satellite activities.