



**Port System Authority
of the Eastern Adriatic Sea**
Port of Trieste

IPCSA welcomes Port of Trieste as newest member

The International Port Community Systems Association (IPCSA) has expanded its membership once again, by welcoming the Port of Trieste as a new member.

Trieste handled 486,499 teu in 2016 and total tonnage of 59.2 million and is Italy's leading intermodal port, with more than 200 direct rail connections a week to the main European destinations.

The port is relatively new to the world of Port Community Systems, having set up its own PCS in 2014. This was achieved with European funding, through the TEN-T project ITS-Gateway.

Since then, Trieste has continued to update and develop its PCS from four original modules to ten modules today, including an e-manifest. Ship-related information allows the PCS module managing taxes related to cargo loading and unloading to run paperless, with a 'virtual charge' on the individual batches.

Meanwhile, a series of studies has been carried out allowing the operation of the port's rail facility to be completely rewritten with improved efficiency, and tracking road traffic through land control is also being studied and piloted. The most recent development within the PCS covers pre-arrival procedures for goods arriving by road.

"Joining IPCSA is a new challenge for our port and we are looking forward to exchanging best practice and starting fruitful cooperation with other members," said Zeno D'Agostino, Port of Trieste President. "Digitalising operations and processes is one of the main features of the port of Trieste, as well as of all ports in the future. From this point of view, Trieste ranks among the most advanced ports in Italy and in Europe. We have digitalised all operations, both at sea and ashore. One of the cutting-edge features of Sinfomar, our PCS, is the management of trains whereby all rail operations within the port area are digitalised. As one of the few ports in Europe

to do so, we benefit from a considerable advantage, all the more so since this year we shall operate more than 8,500 trains.”

The Port of Trieste is looking to play an active role in IPCSA’s working groups, which include Standards and Technologies, Business Applications, Customs and Other Government Agencies, Air-PCS/Cargo Community Systems, International Port Community System Development, and Research and Development.

In particular, IPCSA’s focus on tracking and tracing, and its Network of Trusted Networks initiative are important for Trieste, remarked Zeno D’Agostino.

Richard Morton, secretary general of IPCSA, said: “We are delighted to welcome the Port of Trieste as our newest member – and as our third member from Italy, joining the Port of Ravenna and UIRnet. Our very successful recent annual conference in Brussels reflected the growing size and influence of IPCSA at regional and international levels, which is to the benefit of all of our members.”

Notes to Editors:

IPCSA was originally founded as the European Port Community Systems Association in 2011, by six European-based PCS operators. It was relaunched in 2014 as an international association, reflecting its growing membership outside Europe.

Today, IPCSA’s members operate across the world, exchanging electronic information at more than 100 sea and air ports, rail and inland waterways, and border crossing points. This equates to more than 350 million TEU and 7 billion tonnes of world trade a year.

IPCSA’s membership provides representation in each of the five UN Regional Commission regions. This geographical reach enables it to address the needs of members on a regional as well as international basis. IPCSA has consultative status at the International Maritime Organization and Special Consultative Status at UN ECOSOC, both providing an important platform for representing the needs of its members and its members’ users at the highest level.

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