

PORTS AND MARITIME TRANSPORT: The Regions in support of an ambitious and balanced EU policy

**Seminar organised by the CPMR and the Principality of Asturias
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Monday 19 November 2007 - Gijón (Asturias, Spain)

**Meeting Venue:
Salón de actos - Edificio de Servicio
El Musel - Port of Gijón**

DRAFT AGENDA

as of 15/11/2007

8.30-9.00: Registration of the delegates

9.00-9.30 - WELCOME SESSION

Welcome by Mr Álvarez Areces, President of the Principality of Asturias

Welcome address by Mrs Paz Fernández Felgueroso, Lady Mayoress of Gijón

Welcome address by Mr Fernando Menéndez Rexach, Chairman of the Port of Gijón

9.30-11.00 - SESSION 1

Maritime transport and ports: EU priorities and state of play

- Main expectations of the maritime Regions by Claudio Martini, President of the CPMR
- EU policy: state of play and future prospects by Jacques Barrot, Vice-President of the European Commission
- Priorities of the European Parliament by Luis Grandes Pascual, Member of the European Parliament
- Priorities of the Portuguese Presidency of the EU by Natércia Cabral, Chairperson, Institute for Ports and Maritime Transport
- Debate

11.00-11.15 - Coffee break

11.15-13.30 - SESSION 2 "Relieving road congestion and contributing to sustainable development, succeeding the modal shift to maritime transport"

- Introduction and points for consideration by Paul Turret, Director of ISEMAR
- Motorways of the sea: making the concept a reality by Jean Trestour, Head of Unit at DG TREN

- Point of view of a major ship owner by Jean-Marc Roué, President of the BAI-Brittany Ferries
- Point of view of the Baltic Ports Organisation (BPO) by Ryszard Mazur and Jaroslaw Polak, Port of Gdansk Authority
- In the Atlantic Area: specific conditions by Mireia Elkoroiribe Zenikaonandia, Head of Transport Department in the Basque Government and coordinator of the “Transport” working group of the Atlantic Arc Commission
- In the Mediterranean, challenges for outlying ports far from the major traffic flows by Ignacio Álvarez-Ossorio, Director for Transport, *Empresa Pública de Puertos de Andalucía* and coordinator of the “Transport” working group of the Intermediterranean Commission
- The contribution of regional policies by Patrick Bernard-Brunet, Unit « Thematic development – Impact » - DG REGIO – European Commission
- Debate

13.30-15.00: Lunch

15.00-16.30 - SESSION 3: “Why an EU ports policy?”

- Presentation of the European Commission’s communication on port development by Jean Trestour, Head of Unit at DG TREN
- Point of view of ESPO by Patrick Verhoeven, Secretary General
- Experience of the Chairman of the Port of Gijón, Mr Fernando Menéndez Rexach
- Speech by Yann Hélyary, Vice-President, Region *Pays de la Loire* (France)
- Debate

16.30-16.45 – Coffee break

16.45-17.45 - SESSION 4

“Maritime transport and neighbourhood relations”

- Presentation of EU policy by Jean Trestour, Head of Unit at DG TREN
- The project of Northern Maritime Corridor by Olav Hauge, Head of the Project, Rogaland County Council (Norway)
- The southbound extension of motorways of the sea by Rafael Olivares, Head of Department Motorways of the Sea - Bahía de Algeciras Port Authority
- Debate

17.45-18.30 - CONCLUDING SESSION

- Summing up of the proceedings by Xavier Gizard, Secretary General of the CPMR
- Reactions of the European Commission
- Closing speech

20.30: Dinner at the Real Club Astur de Regatas

Seminar Working Languages: English, French and Spanish