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### THE CPMR PARTICIPATES IN THE 2009 TEN-T DAYS

The Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR) participated in the [annual Trans-European Transport Network Days](#) (TEN-T Days) held on 21 and 22 October in Naples (Italy).

**Marcelino Iglesias Ricou**, President of the Region of Aragón (Spain) and of the [CPMR TEN-T working group](#) gave a speech today during the workshop "Towards an Integrated Multimodal Transport Network".

From the 2001 White Paper to the current period when the CPMR is devoting much energy to the next TEN-T revision, the implementation of the Motorways of the Sea (MoS) has been a key policy area for the 160 maritime regions. Despite the excellent work of Luis Valente de Oliveira, European coordinator, the MoS are currently running behind schedule; however the TEN-T revision can be an opportunity for them to be re-launched. According to the CPMR, the motorways of the sea could contribute to giving the EU a backbone and developing towards a more inter-modal concept, while in certain cases including land rail journeys between two successive sea crossings.

*"Intermodality has become absolutely fundamental," declared Mr Iglesias, "and if an intermodal communication system proves to be a priority, it is also important that this system relies on logistical platforms which make it effective. We are developing in a globalised economy, in a demanding market where it is fundamental to be competitive in order to be able to efficiently distribute products in a time and cost effective way."*

Referring to his region, **Mr Iglesias** pointed out that it has all the essential assets for logistic development: a qualified and specialised offering, a large territory and an advantageous strategic position in Southern Europe. *"These assets have helped us to transform the Zaragoza logistical platform, PLA-ZA - 1300 hectares, in one of Europe's benchmark logistical centres, with an infrastructure network for transport which is completely intermodal."*

The CPMR also reminded the Commission that the MoS will be achieved only by improving the Marco Polo programme and by modifying the Community guidelines for public funding for maritime transport.

In [its response to the Green Paper](#), the CPMR also promotes an innovative concept of "wide green geographical corridors", transnational, sustainable and multi-modal. Inspired by the experience of European coordinators, and in direct line with the concept of "macro regions", this tool could be the subject of new methods of governance, involving the member states, the regions and the cities.

Mr Iglesias also announced that the Region of Aragón will organise a CPMR seminar on the TEN-T revision, to be held in Zaragoza during the first six months of 2010, and an inter-ministerial conference as part of the Spanish Presidency of the EU.

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