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25 MEDITERRANEAN PORTS MEET IN MARSEILLE TO BEGIN INTRA MEDITERRANEAN COLLABORATION AND STRENGTHEN THEIR POSITION ON INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ROUTES

In cooperation with the secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean, Intermed Gateways, an association grouping the ports of Barcelona, Genoa and Marseille Fos, have organized the 1st MEDports Forum in Marseille on 29 and 30 November 2016.

Over 80 participants are expected - port authorities and maritime and logistics players in the Euro-Mediterranean area - for two days of discussions to highlight the major role of the Mediterranean basin as a strategic hub for all global shipping routes.

The objective of the MEDports Forum is to encourage cooperation between ports in order to promote the development of the activity in the Mediterranean. Its first act is to demonstrate the desire for strengthening ties and for collaboration between the port authorities on every Mediterranean coast.

This 1st MEDports Forum also aims to open discussions about the creation of a specific instrument to encourage cooperation and promote all the Mediterranean ports.

After introductory remarks about the importance of inter-port cooperation, the influence of the Mediterranean ports in global transport and the maritime strategy of the Mediterranean basin, sharing good practice and experience is on the Forum's agenda. Safety, the environment, navigation, as well as the strategy for innovative logistics solutions in the supply chain and new shipping routes that will strengthen the modal shift, will be among the areas discussed by the participants.

At a time when the flow of containers in the Mediterranean over the last 2 years has recorded an average increase faster than that of the northern European ports, the aim of the 1st MEDports Forum is to act to drive forward the rebalancing of trade on the Euro-Mediterranean market and promote the "southern gateway" alternative.

By encouraging unprecedented intra-Mediterranean cooperation, the MEDports Forum shows its determination to put new stable and competitive logistics corridors in place, create new shipping routes in the heart of the Mediterranean complemented by efficient routes to the hinterland, and build an expanded economic community capable of meeting the challenges of global logistics in the service of the fluidity of trade.

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