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Rijeka, Croatia

THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL MULTIDISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE ON SEA, TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS ENDS WITH SUCCESS

Over 200 participants, delegates of international sponsors and representatives of leading organizations from the transport and logistics world attended the First International Multidisciplinary Conference on Sea, Transport and Logistics which was held from October 20th to 22th in Opatija in Croatia.

The Conference was organized by Port of Rijeka Authority and Faculty of Maritime Studies and attracted key speakers from international science and business who gathered for the first time in Croatia and discussed on various aspects of contemporary issues with the special emphasis of innovative efforts on the competitiveness of maritime industries, the role of application of modern technological systems and their ability to meet the environmental, energy, safety, and human-factor challenges. The significance of the conference was recognized also by Croatian Government authorities namely by Ministry of Sea, Transport and Logistics and Ministry and the Prime Minister of The Republic of Croatia, Jadranka Kosor who was also the official patron of the event.



Minister Božidar Kalmeta

At the opening, the Minister of the Sea, Transport and Infrastructure, Božidar Kalmeta, pointed out that transport and logistics are one of the firm pillars of competitiveness especially when Croatia is concerned with its main geostrategic advantage of an ideal geostrategic position. He particularly expressed his satisfaction with presence of all directors of Northern Adriatic Ports (Trieste, Venezia, Ravenna and Koper) encouraging their NAPA initiative - Northern Adriatic Ports Organisation that would soon welcome Rijeka in their constitution. Such an advantage provides a great opportunity for the increase of competitiveness to entire region.

As for Croatia, he highlighted recent positive examples of successful international ways of doing business such as setting up of joint Croatian, Slovenian and Serbian company Cargo 10. The company will aim at achieving shorter border procedures along the tenth pan-European cargo corridor going from Austria to the South of the Balkans and will boost the efficiency of transport along the tenth corridor.

Speakers from European Sea Port Organization, World Bank and International Modal Association drew attention to the current issues on European Sea Policies, impacts of the projects on transport with overview of international multimodal transport regulations. A wide range of specific views were offered by Croatian and international



**Directors of ports
(Venice, Ravenna, Rijeka, Trieste)
Northern Adriatic Port Association**



**New Trends in Cruise Terminal Management
Medcruise, University of Venice and Association
of Croatian Port Authorities**



**On regulations and policies
International Multimodal Association,
World Bank and European Sea Ports
Organisation**

representatives on levels of development in infrastructure, the influence of traffic policies, impacts of national cooperation on cruising trends, and finally, a relation of transport towards environment. Academic and business approaches of the conference featured many interesting, productive presentations, demonstrations and fruitful round table discussions on the role innovations of clusters and networks of interconnected business, suppliers and associated institutions. The three-day event discovered significant opportunities to exchange the knowledge and experience in order to lay out firm directions for future development of technology and its application in industry which would inevitably have an influence on regional and global economy.

Keynote speakers:

Mr. Marijan Banelli, Director of the Board, The Association of Croatian Road Hauliers, **Mr. Claudio Boniciolli**, President of the Port Authority of Trieste, **Mr. Jose Campos**, Secretary General, MedCruise, **Mr. Paolo Costa**, President of the Port Authority of Venice, **Prof. Dragan Čišić, Ph. D.**, Faculty of Maritime Studies, Rijeka, **Katarina Čop Bajde, M. Sc.**, Director, Directorate for the Infrastructural Objects, MMPI RH, **Mrs. Tanja Devčić**, Croatian Radio Television, **Mr. Vlaho Đurković**, Croatian Association of Port Authorities, **Mahin Faghfour, Ph. D.**, President of the International Multimodal Transport Association, **Mr. Stjepan Gabrić**, Senior Project Officer, World Bank, **Mr. Marcello Guaiana**, Area di Ricerca Trieste, Starnet, **Lorenzo Gui, Ph. D.**, University of Venice, **Assist. Prof. Bojan Hlača, Ph. D.** Executive Director of the Port of Rijeka Authority, **Mr. Branimir Jerneić**, HŽ Infrastructure Ltd, **Mr. Jakov Karmelić, mag. ing.**, President of the Association of Ship Brokers and Agents of Croatia, **Prof. Serdo Kos, Ph.D.**, Dean of the Faculty of Maritime studies in Rijeka, **Full Prof. Pero Lučin, Ph. D.**, Rector of the University of Rijeka, **Maja Markovčić-Kostelac, M. Sc.**, Director, Directorate for Maritime Traffic, Maritime Domain and Ports, MMPI RH, **Mr. Jean-Francois Marteau**, Transport Program Team Leader, Central Europe and the Baltic Countries, Sustainable Development Sector, World Bank, **Mr. Antonis Michail**, ESPO, **Mladen Mlinarević, Ph. D.** Inženjerski biro d.d., Zagreb, **Mr. Giuseppe Parrello**, President of the Port Authority of Ravenna, **Mr. Zlatko Rogožar**, Managing director, HŽ Cargo Limited Liability Company for Cargo Transport, **Mr. Giovanni Spadoni**, President of the Board of Directors, MedCruise, **Zdravko Špirić, Ph. D.**, Head of the Institute for Applied Ecology, OIKON, **Vittorio Torbianelli, Ph. D.**, Lead Expert of the "CTUR", Università degli Studi di Trieste, **Assoc. Prof. Elen Twrddy, Ph. D.**, Dean of the Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transport, Portoroz, Slovenia, **Gregor Veselko, Ph. D.**, President of the Management Board of the Port of Koper, Slovenia, **Mr. Toni Vidan**, Energy Programme Coordinator, Green Action, **Mr. Denis Vukorepa, mag. ing.**, President of the Management Board, LUKA Rijeka j.s., **Mr. Dražen Žgaljić**, Intermodal Transport Cluster

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Official patron of the conference: Ms. Jadranka Kosor, Prime minister of the Republic of Croatia



The Conference was held in Opatija, a city that lies at the centre of the Riviera with the longest tradition of tourism in Croatia. Quickly reached from many cities of the world, this very attractive geographic position is situated on the pleasant Croatian seaside.