



Webinar

IMPACTS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON PORTS AND MARITIME TRANSPORT IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION

Possible Short-, Medium- and Long-Term Responses

27 May 2019
from 10:00 to 13:00

DRAFT AGENDA

09:30 – Opening of videoconferencing platform

10:00 – Opening Session

Welcoming remarks

- **Amb. Nasser KAMEL**, Secretary-General of the UfM Secretariat
- **Mr Hervé MARTEL**, President MEDports Association and CEO of the Grand Port Maritime de Marseille

Reminder of functioning rules for the webinar and presentation of topics to be discussed

- **Mr Francesc CARBONELL**, Head of Sector for Transport, UfMS

10:20 – Impacts of the current global pandemic on maritime transport and port connectivity in the Mediterranean region

Main topics to be addressed by speakers:

- *Which Global and Regional (Mediterranean) Impacts and which New Trends:*
 - *On Supply Chains and Trade?*
 - *On Traffic Volumes, Transport Costs and the Externalization of Risks by the different stakeholders of maritime transport?*
 - *On Port Activities and Operations?*

Moderator: **Mr Francesc CARBONELL**, Head of Sector for Transport, UfMS

Speakers:

- **Mr Patrick VERHOEVEN**, Managing Director, International Association of Ports and Harbours (IAPH) - World Port Sustainability Program (WPSP)
- **Mr Olaf MERK**, Project Manager - Ports and Shipping, ITF/OECD, The International Transport Forum at the OECD
- **Mr Paul TOURRET**, Director, Institut Supérieur d'Économie Maritime (ISEMAR)/MEDports Association

Q&A





11:05 – Break

11:15 – Best practices on remedial actions already taken

Main topics to be addressed by speakers:

- Which recommendations on the facilitation of maritime trade during the COVID-19 pandemic, to ensure full operability of shipping, ports and hinterland transport, and maintain complete functionality of the global supply chain?
- Which port responsiveness to the disruptions in the fight against the COVID-19 threat?

Moderator: **Mr Philippe GUILLAUMET**, Secretary-General, MEDports Association

Speakers:

- **Mr Julian Abril Garcia**, Head Facilitation, International Maritime Organisation (IMO)
- **Mr Mark ASSAF**, Chief, Human Resources Development Section, Division on Technology and Logistics, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, UNCTAD
- **Mr Szymon OSCISLOWSKI**, Programme Manager, Unit D1 - Maritime transport and logistics, DG MOVE, European Commission
- **Ms Eleni ASTERIOU**, Policy Officer - Seconded National Expert, Unit D1 - Maritime transport and logistics, DG MOVE, European Commission

Tour de table – Mediterranean Port Authorities and Shipping Lines

Main items to be addressed during the Tour de table:

- Traffic: Towards new commercial routes?
- Operations: New safety and security measures in Port operations management?
- Passengers: Which “new normal” in Passenger Management?
- Training: New employment certifications and skills? (Training centres)

Q&A

12:30 – Stock-taking of lessons learned, future preparedness needed and guidance for future actions

Main topics to be addressed by speakers:

- Which lessons learned?
- Which new preparedness needed?
- Which recommendations for action?





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Speakers

- **Mr Alberto PALACIOS**, *Technical Director, Centre for Transportation Studies for the Western Mediterranean (CETMO)*
- **Mr Philippe GUILLAUMET**, *Secretary-General, MEDports Association*
- **Mr Francesc CARBONELL**, *Head of Sector for Transport, UfMS*

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13:00 – Closure



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