

Euro-Mediterranean Transport Forum Maritime Policy, Ports and Short Sea Shipping Working Group

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Conclusions

1. Welcomes the progress made on the cooperation with the MEDA partners in relation to the development of the Motorways of the Sea concept.
2. The “MEDA Motorways of the Sea – MEDAMOS” project will be instrumental in assisting the Mediterranean Partners in enhancing the implementation of this concept and of the Transport Network in the Mediterranean region.
3. The Euro-Med working group on maritime policy, ports and SSS, which is also the Advisory Committee of MEDAMOS project, will be the group responsible to follow the progress made and therefore will convene regularly (at least once per year).
4. There is a need to develop synergies between the various activities in relation to MOS development in the Mediterranean. This should be achieved through exchange information and dialogue between key actors, which are called upon to take into account the broader Mediterranean context in order to achieve overall coherence and avoid duplication.
5. Further welcomes the nomination of national contact points for each one of the Mediterranean partners to MEDAMOS project and stress the importance of their active participation to the project for the implementation of its objectives and of their role in the mobilization of National Stakeholders.
6. The network of contact points will be regularly informed on the progress made. MEDAMOS will execute the project Work Plan that was distributed to the Commission and national contact points. The contact points are invited to inform the European Commission and the MEDAMOS project on the initiatives taken at national level.
7. More specifically, National Stakeholders' Groups and thereafter the Euro-Med working group will address :
 - Conditions and criteria of the MEDAMOS pilot Motorways of the Sea, based on users' requirements in terms of improvements of door to door transport conditions;
 - Sub-regional approach for the East Med (MEDA / EU) and West Med (MEDA / EU) pilot projects (possibly enlarged to MEDA / MEDA);
 - Partnerships between stakeholders from both the Public and Private sectors;

8. The group acknowledges the importance of pilot projects and invites all MEDA partners to involve their Stakeholders in projects as supported by the MEDAMOS Technical Assistance.
9. Each National Stakeholders' groups will be further completed in the short term in order to complete MoS / country files end March 2007.
10. Further noted the MEDAMOS Project activities planned for 2007, and committed themselves to offer full co-operation in the forthcoming activities, notably:
 - Identification of user's needs
 - Exchange of information on best practices
 - Preparation of the pilot projects
 - Training activities and awareness
 - Dissemination of information at national levels