

Dear Colleagues,

This is the first issue of the internal bulletin of the Euro-Med Transport project. This bulletin will be published on a monthly basis throughout the duration of the project and sent by e-mail to all persons directly involved in the project (EU officials, National Coordinators and National Counterpart Teams, consortium partners, international and national experts, the Infrastructure Contract team, etc.)

The aim of this bulletin is to share information and reinforce internal communication within the project. It therefore contains news which directly related to the everyday life of the project, whereas the external newsletter focuses more on background issues. This publication is open to your contributions and will hopefully increase in size as time goes on. We look forward to receiving your inputs and comments to make this bulletin as lively as possible.

The next issue of the internal bulletin will be published in October.

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## EU news

### Dutch EU Presidency focuses on 'Transport Within an Enlarged Europe'

The Dutch presidency of the EU, which started in July 2004 and will run until the end of the year, seeks to put a strong accent on issues relating to transport and relations with the neighbouring countries of the EU-25. Under the motto 'trendsetting in transport' the Dutch presidency aims to focus on a common approach to international transport and maritime policy, with emphasis also being put on developments in the aviation sector and short sea shipping. For more info: [www.eu2004.nl](http://www.eu2004.nl)

## Project news

### Diagnostic Study finalised

On 13 September 2004 the draft final version of the Diagnostic Study was presented to the European Commission in Brussels, before being sent to the National Counterpart Teams for final comments and review in October/November. The study gives an in-depth analysis of the Mediterranean transport system and provides a comparative analysis by country. Following a multi-criteria assessment of potential regional transport activities it also highlights a number of recommendations which will be developed as part of the Regional Transport Action Plan. The final version of the Diagnostic Study will be presented to the Euro-Mediterranean Transport Forum in December 2004 (see below,

Events section). For the time being, the executive summary of the study and the description of the action points included in it will be downloadable soon at: [www.euromedtransport.org/downloads/ds/ds\\_en.htm](http://www.euromedtransport.org/downloads/ds/ds_en.htm).

### Training activities launched

Transport officials from MEDA countries will soon be able to benefit from a series of training activities developed within the project, which include training seminars, study tours, twinning arrangements and internships, as well as seminars organised by third parties. These training activities will take place over next two years and will focus on a wide variety of issues. Some of these activities form part of the activities put forward in the Diagnostic Study. The contents of these activities as well as their implementation timeframe and order of priority will be decided as part of the steps contributing towards the Regional Transport Action Plan. Some of the training activities will be presented during the meeting of the Working Group on Maritime Policy, Ports and Short Sea Shipping (see below).

### Second Meeting of the Working Group on Air Transport

This meeting, held on 16 June 2004 in Brussels, was attended by senior civil servants from the civil aviation authorities of the EU and MEDA countries. It addressed two main points: (i) the latest developments of EU policy as regards air transport and their implications for Euro-Mediterranean cooperation, and; (ii) ongoing projects and perspectives for bilateral and regional cooperation in the framework of the MEDA programme and the European Neighbourhood Policy. The representatives of the Euro-Med Transport project presented the main findings and recommendations drawn from the Diagnostic Study as regards air transport.

## MEDA country news

This section is dedicated to news from the MEDA Partner Countries regarding transport issues. If you have any news or announcements you would like to communicate to other persons involved in the project, please send us a short text (max. 700 characters) in English, French or Arabic so that we can include it in this column. Contact: Fadoua Ouerdiane, [f.ouerdiane@euromedtransport.intl.tn](mailto:f.ouerdiane@euromedtransport.intl.tn), tel. (+216) 71 86 23 12.

## Events

### Seminar 'The Mediterranean: Transport to Bring People Closer'

24-25 September 2004, Cargèse (Southern Corsica)

A great number of experts on Mediterranean transport issues will take part in this seminar organised by the 'euro-méditerranéa' association and the Institute for

Scientific Studies of Cargèse in the framework of the Fourth International Autumn University 'Corsica-Europe-Maghreb-Mediterranean'. The Euro-Med Transport project will be presented during the seminar. Information: [euromediterranea@wanadoo.fr](mailto:euromediterranea@wanadoo.fr)

### **Information Day of the Euro-Mediterranean Satellite Navigation (GNSS) Project**

27 September 2004, Cairo

This information day is organised by the Galileo Joint Undertaking, in cooperation with the European Commission and the Egyptian government, for the opening of the Galileo Euro-Med Cooperation Office in Cairo by Loyola de Palacio, European Commissioner for Energy and Transport, and Ahmed Shafik, Egyptian Minister for Civil Aviation. The event brought together the members of the Euro-Med Working Group on Satellite Navigation and other stakeholders to present the Euro-Med GNSS Project which will establish a programme of training and demonstration activities on satellite navigation services in the Mediterranean area along with relevant infrastructure developments.

### **REG-MED Final Workshop 'The facilitation of international goods flows: findings and recommendations for the Western Mediterranean'**

6 October 2004, Brussels

This meeting will aim to present the main findings and recommendations of the REG-MED project. This event will enable the experts who took part in the project to present the results of their investigations and to discuss these with representatives from the European Commission and the Ministries of Transport of Southern European countries and Maghreb countries. Information: [cetmo@cetmo.org](mailto:cetmo@cetmo.org)

### **Meeting of the Working Group on Maritime Policy, Ports and Short Sea Shipping**

27 October 2004, Brussels

This working group will meet to discuss issues relating to current progress regarding shipping policy and port reform. On the occasion of this meeting the first training seminar on the issue of maritime security, planned

by the Euromed Transport project for January 2005 in Malta, will be presented.

### **Second Meeting of the Working Group on Maritime Safety**

26 November 2004, Malta (to be confirmed)

This event will bring together experts and MEDA national representatives and is expected to focus on presenting the Safe-Med project which will deal with maritime vessel and traffic safety and ship pollution prevention systems and is due to start in 2005 (to be confirmed). This working group is expected to take place at the premises of the IMO/UNEP Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC).

In parallel to this WG meeting the REMPEC will be organising a 'Regional Seminar on Port Reception Facilities for Collecting Ship-Generated Garbage, Bilge Waters and Oily Wastes in the Mediterranean', in Malta, on 24-26 November 2004. The seminar is organised within the framework of the MEDA Project on Port Reception Facilities for Collecting Ship-Generated Garbage, Bilge Waters and Oily Wastes financed by the European Community and of REMPEC's supplementary projects on port reception facilities in other Mediterranean coastal states.

### **Fifth Meeting of the Euro-Mediterranean Transport Forum**

15-16 December 2004, Brussels

High-level representatives from national ministries of transport in the EU and MEDA countries and from the European Commission will meet to review common goals and policies in the MEDA region and draw out next lines of action, based primarily on the results of the Diagnostic Study produced by the Euro-Med Transport Project.

Download the latest project event schedule at:

[www.euromedtransport.org/html/agenda\\_en.htm](http://www.euromedtransport.org/html/agenda_en.htm)

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