

Dear Colleagues,

Following the launch of the internal bulletin of Euro-Med Transport Project we are pleased to offer you here the second issue of this publication. The first issue of the internal bulletin received a favourable feedback from all the project stakeholders and beneficiaries who considered it a useful means for spreading information among the persons involved in the Euro-Med Transport Project.

We hope you will continue to send us your articles and comments and that you will make good use of this bulletin in order to communicate to all the persons involved in this project any news regarding your activities, events or projects developed at national or MEDA area level. This bulletin is first and foremost a communication tool put at your service. It is aimed enabling the exchange of information and reinforcing internal communication within the project.

Make good use of your keyboards and see you soon in the next issue at the end of November!

Ralf-Michael Kalttheier  
Project Director

## EU news

**The 2nd Experts' Committee of the Facility for Euro-Mediterranean Investment and Partnership (FEMIP) meeting on 25 and 26 October in Amsterdam, the Netherlands called for the creation of a Euro-Mediterranean Transport Network, and the reinforcement of public private partnerships in the Water/Sanitation and Transport sectors.**

More specifically, the Experts' Committee proposed to improve donor coordination, to develop the capacity of the public sector to create and regulate public private partnerships, and to consider local currency lending in Water and Transport in the Mediterranean region. The meeting, whose conclusions will help prepare next year's FEMIP Ministerial, was co-chaired by Dutch Finance Minister Gerrit Zalm on behalf of the EU Presidency, and the Vice-President of the European Investment Bank in charge of FEMIP, Philippe de Fontaine Vive. Speakers were senior representatives of EU Member States, Mediterranean Partners, European and Mediterranean banks, industry, business organisations, academic institutions, and the European Commission. More details at <http://www.eib.org>.

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**The first meeting of the High-Level Group on Connecting the trans-European Transport network with EU neighbours was held on 18 and 19 October in Brussels.**

Participants reviewed criteria for the selection of priority axes and projects, and discussed financing and efficient use of the network. The meeting was chaired by European Commission Vice-President Loyola de Palacio, and brought together representatives of the EU Presidency, and all the EU's neighbouring countries and territories, including the Mediterranean Partners and Libya as an observer. The European Investment Bank (EIB), the World Bank, and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development were invited as observers. The High-Level Group, established by the European Commission after the latest EU enlargement, has been tasked with making proposals to the Commission on how to better connect the EU with its neighbours. During the meeting the Commission stressed that it would analyse technical and administrative harmonisation, interoperability and traffic management, as well as safety and security. The Group should submit a first report late this year and complete its work by the autumn of 2005. [http://europa.eu.int/news/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/news/index_en.htm).

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## Project news

### Diagnostic Study being finalised

The Diagnostic Report is currently being finalised following the ad hoc meeting held on 13 September in Brussels (see below), during which the institutional and regulatory modules of the Main Contract and the progress of the Infrastructure Network Contract were presented. This finalisation process will comprise the following steps:

- End September: Review of institutional modules by the Main Contract Project Team
- Beginning October: English version of modules sent for review to English-speaking National Coordinators (NCs)
- October / November: Translation of modules into French
- Mid-November: French version of modules sent for review to Maghreb NCs
- During November: Modules sent to the EU for review by transport experts in DG TREN
- Mid-November / beginning December: 3 three-day meetings in Tunis with the NCs have been planned to discuss the revisions made and establish possible modifications and additions:
  - Group 1: Jordan, Lebanon and Syria from 16 to 20 November
  - Group 2: Egypt, Palestine and Israel from 23 to 26 November
  - Group 3: Maghreb countries from 1 to 4 December.

For the other countries (Cyprus, Malta and Turkey) direct bilateral contacts are foreseen but no date has been set yet.

- Mid-December: Revised versions sent to representatives of the 25 EU member states taking part in the Euro-Mediterranean Transport Forum on 21-22 December, during which the Diagnostic Report will be presented and discussed.

### **Ad Hoc Presentation Meeting of the Final Draft of the Diagnostic Report**

13 September 2004, Brussels

The draft final version of the Diagnostic Study was presented to the European Commission on 13 September 2004 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. The Diagnostic Study is composed of two parts, a first part relating to regional and sub-regional issues (10 modules) and a second part on national issues (12 country monographs). The persons who took part in this meeting were the project representatives (Mr Kalthéier, Project Director, Main Contract, and Mr Timberlake, Project Director, Infrastructure Contract) and representatives from the European Commission (Mr Kioussis, EuropeAid, Ms Bournoville, DG TREN, and representatives from DG Enlargement).

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

24-25 September 2004, Cargèse (Southern Corsica)

A great number of experts on Mediterranean transport issues took part in this seminar organised by the 'euroméditerranéenne' 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 was presented during the seminar by Ralf-Michael Kalthéier, Project Director, who focused on the activities of the project within the Regional Transport Action Plan and sought to identify new partnerships for the implementation of additional regional / bilateral transport activities outside the framework of the project. The documents presented during the meeting will be available soon on our web site:

[http://www.euromedtransport.org/htm/whatsnews\\_en.htm](http://www.euromedtransport.org/htm/whatsnews_en.htm).

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

27 September 2004, Cairo

This information day was 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 aim of this information day, which brought together the members of the Euro-Med Work-

ing Group on Satellite Navigation as well as other stakeholders active in this area, was to present the Euro-Med GNSS Project training and demonstration activities on satellite navigation services in the Mediterranean area along with relevant infrastructure developments. The Euro-Med Transport Project will bring direct support to Euro-Med GNSS Project throughout its whole duration and was involved in the logistical organisation of this information day, especially for the MEDA participants. Dalila Achour Limam, Event Coordinator, represented the Euro-Med Transport Project during this event. For more info [www.galileoju.com](http://www.galileoju.com)

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

6 October 2004, Brussels

The Final Workshop of the REG-MED Project took place on 6 October, in Brussels. REG-MED is a Thematic Network of the EU's Fifth Framework Programme for Research and Development, coordinated by CETMO. The project aims to set up a common analysis and discussion on measures to facilitate the international flow of goods in the Mediterranean area. This meeting enabled to present the main findings and recommendations of the REG-MED Project and gave the opportunity to 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 during a roundtable debate. For more info: [www.reg-med.net](http://www.reg-med.net)

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

27 October 2004, Brussels

The working group brought together approximately 20 representatives from nine MEDA countries as well as Dimitris Kostianis, expert on port reform, and Anthony Stathopoulos, training expert. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Dirk Van Vreckem, Head of Unit for Short Sea Shipping, Inland Navigation and Ports, DG TREN, and Jacques Michaux, Deputy Head of Unit for Maritime Policy and Maritime Safety, DG TREN. The following themes were examined: Maritime Policy, Maritime Security, Short Sea Shipping, the 'Motorways of the Sea' and Ports, by addressing the current developments for each issue at EU level and in each MEDA country. Leonidas Kioussis, EuropeAid Cooperation Office, and Anne-Charlotte Bournoville, DG TREN, also took part in this meeting. Mr Kostianis presented the latest analyses undertaken for the maritime sector within module 5 of the Diagnostic Report and proposed a more extended version of the actions to be carried out on short-term. During this meeting the first training seminar of the Euro-Med Transport Project, which deals with maritime and port security, was also presented. The participants in the working group

were able to express their comments on the training programme, which will take place in January 2005 in Malta (see below).

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### 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.

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### Events

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

This event was postponed to later date. Further information regarding the venue and date of this meeting will be available in the next bulletin and possibly on our web site. The persons directly concerned by this event will of course be contacted directly. Contact: Anne-Charlotte Bournoville, [anne-charlotte.bournoville@cec.eu.int](mailto:anne-charlotte.bournoville@cec.eu.int)

#### Conference on Middle East Rail Projects

12-13 December 2004, Dubai (UAE)

This conference will deal with new rail infrastructure and service development projects in North Africa, the Middle East, the Arabian Peninsula and the Persian Gulf. It will enable experts in this field to gain an overview of the various rail network development and renovation strategies for this region. Ralf-Michael Kalthier, Project Director, will take part in the meeting as a key speaker and will deliver a presentation on the implications of the Euro-Med Transport Project for rail systems during a session on regional level rail projects. For more info: [www.meed.com/rail](http://www.meed.com/rail)

#### First Workshop of the Mediterranean Transport Infrastructure Network Contract (MTIN)

11-12 December (tentative), Cairo.

The workshop organised by the Infrastructure Contract will bring together all stakeholders in the project to hear presentations from the Project Team on the financial, institutional and regulatory findings from the study

and to decide on options for the development of the Mediterranean Transport Infrastructure Network. The topics to be discussed at the Workshop will include: Key issues for the development of the MTIN; Relationship with other MEDA transport projects; Methodological issues; Funding options for financing infrastructure; Costs and economic return for the projects identified for funding; Policy and institutional arrangements; Potential for and barriers, to establishing regional networks; Regulatory issues.

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

21-22 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.

#### Training Seminar on Maritime and Port Facility Security

January 2005 (exact date to be defined, 4 days), Malta  
This training will be given by high-level experts and representatives from international organisations active in the maritime field and will look at issues relating to the new Chapter XI-2 of the IMO's SOLAS protocol and the ISPS International Code on maritime security and the security of port equipment as well as the implementation of these two texts in the framework of international and EU law. The challenges in terms of the adaptation of working methods and methods for managing and training dockside personnel and ship crews will also be examined. Two case studies on the application of the ISPS protocol in the Port of La Valletta and the Port of Piraeus will enable professionals from the sector to get acquainted with the new tools and procedures for improving port security introduced by this scheme. Up to three persons per country will be able to take part in this training (with reimbursement of expenses for two delegates only). Further information will be available on our web site soon.

Download the latest project event schedule at: [www.euromedtransport.org/htm/agenda\\_en.htm](http://www.euromedtransport.org/htm/agenda_en.htm)

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