ICT strategies and solutions for port-hinterland integration in the Adriatic and Ionian region: State of the art & future perspectives

📅 **October 2nd, 2025**

🕐 **9:45 – 14:00**

📍 **Via Antico Squero, 31 (RA) – Ravenna Port Authority, ground floor Conference Room (hybrid)**

In the framework of EUSAIR Flagship of Pillar 2 on Transport 'Adriatic-Ionian green-smart port hub concepts', the Conference seeks to foster a focused and open discussion on how digital solutions can help improve the management of rail operations and enhance the efficiency of interconnections between inland and port terminals, stimulating dialogue across the entire EUSAIR port system in the Adriatic-Ionian basin.

The conference, included in the activities foreseen by the EUSAIR Facility Point for the 2025 Work Plan of Pillar 2, Transport section, is jointly organised by the Institute of Transport and Logistics Foundation (ITL), the Emilia-Romagna Region (RER) and the North Central Adriatic Sea Port Authority (ADSP MACS) with the support of CROSSFREIGHT, a project funded under the Italy Croatia Interreg Programme 21-27 aimed at enhancing rail shunting operations management.

🌐 **Visit the CROSSFREIGHT Project Website**

First session
Moderator: Andrea Bardi, General Manager at ITL Foundation

The online connection will be active from 10:30 AM.

9:45 - 10:30	**Registration & welcome coffee**
10:30 - 10:50	**Welcome speech** • **Francesco Benevolo**, Extraordinary Commissioner of the Port System Authority of the Northern Central Adriatic Sea • **Pierluigi Coppola**, Coordinator of the EUSAIR Pillar 2 "Connecting the Region" on Transport
10:50 - 11:10	**Opening Speeches** • **Irene Priolo**, Regional Councillor for Environment, Spatial Planning, Mobility and Transport, and Infrastructure of the Emilia-Romagna Region • **Donato Liguori**, Director of Ports and Logistics at the Italian Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport

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11:10 – 11:55

Keynote Session

- **Ann Elisabet Jensen**, European Coordinator for the TEN-T Baltic-Adriatic Corridor
- **Federica Montaresi**, Chair of the Technical Committee on Intermodal, Logistics and Industry of ESPO

Second session
Moderator: Andrea Ballarin, Advisor

11:55 – 13:00

Round Table Discussion

"ICT strategies for integration of port intermodal nodes with hinterland: Transregional cooperation to transfer digital and operational solutions within the Adriatic-Ionian Region"

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- **Andrea Minardi,** ICT Director at Ravenna Port

- **Alana Vukic**, Director at Railway Accident Investigator at Air, Maritime and Railway Accident Investigation Agency

- **Luca Abatello**, CEO of Magellan Circle

- **Rade Stanišić**, Head of International Project Management Unit at Port of Bar

- **Roberto Richter**, Senior Project Manager at Port of Koper

13:00 – 13:15	**Conclusions** • **Pierluigi Coppola**, Coordinator of the EUSAIR Pillar 2 "Connecting the Region" on Transport
13:15	**Networking lunch**

Limited spots available – registration is required and will close once full capacity is reached.

Real-time translation in Italian and English will be available during the conference. An online connection link will be shared with participants closer to the event date.

Travel Information

HOW TO ARRIVE

By plane:
The closest airport to Ravenna is Bologna Airport (BLQ). From there you can take Marconi Express to the Central Station of Bologna, and proceed by train to Ravenna.

By train:
The Port Authority is a 10-minute walk from Ravenna train station. Just take the "Darsena" exit which is opposite the main exit.

By car:
The Port Authority is easy to reach by car avoiding the city centre. However, there might not be enough parking space for all the guests attending. In addition to the Port Authority's parking, there are some parking spots along Via Teodorico street.

HOTEL RECOMMENDATIONS

★★★ **Hotel Mosaico** – Via Darsena, 9, 48121 Ravenna RA

★★★★ **NH Ravenna** – Piazza Goffredo Mameli, 1, 48121 Ravenna

★★★ **Hotel Palazzo Galletti Abbiosi** – Via di Roma, 140, 48121 Ravenna

★★★★ **Hotel Palazzo Bezzi** – Via di Roma, 45, 48121 Ravenna

★★★★ **Santa Maria Foris** – Via Giuseppe Pasolini, 61, 48121 Ravenna

★★★★ **Hotel Bisanzio** – Via Salara, 30, 48121 Ravenna