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Press Release

INTE-TRANSIT - Integrated and Interoperable Maritime Transit Management System

The Mediterranean (MED) Sea Basin is a vital space for circulation of goods with significance beyond the interest of countries directly involved. MED ports and maritime commerce handled through them have been a boost both for regional and European Economic development. Circulation of goods/capitals within the MED Sea faces a number of challenges. In this frame, the INTE-TRANSIT project is aiming to achieve better logistic organization of MED ports and their logistic activities areas through the use of modern ICT technologies and to establish a cooperation framework between relevant stakeholders in the MED countries for best practice exchange, cooperation and personnel training.

INTE-TRANSIT, is a project co-funded by the European Regional Development Fund under the MED programme that launched its activities in January 2013 with the organisation of the consortium kick-off meeting that was held in Athens, Greece and hosted by the project coordinator, the Institute of Communication and Computer Systems (<http://i-sense.iccs.gr>).

The basic objective of INTE-TRANSIT is to enhance information management systems currently used in ports and in their logistic activities areas through the definition of an integrated management model involving public and private organizations and devising a common and harmonized Mediterranean processes and indicators map. INTE-TRANSIT will also promote an



ICT solution towards monitoring and positioning of port containers improving traceability, visibility and transparency of transport of goods in the MED.

More specifically, INTE-TRANSIT is expected to:

- Strengthen communication links between i) ports and relevant authorities across the MED Basin, ii) all relevant actors in the maritime transfers and iii) ports and their logistic activities areas, through the use of ICT technologies for enhancing information management systems.
- Define an integrated management model involving public and private organizations (in ports and their logistic activities areas) and devise a common and harmonized MED processes map and indicators. This will lead to more efficient ports interoperability and a relevant improvement of the flow of goods, cargo traceability, visibility and transparency.
- Provide a training framework for ports and logistic areas personnel (administrative/managerial and labor workers). Training sessions will be provided towards the Ports, Port Authorities, Logistic Activities Areas Managers and Logistics partners, focusing on logistic/security frameworks, transportation tracking mechanisms, ports telematics infrastructures as well as modern ICT technologies towards improved communications/cooperation.
- Execute 5 pilot projects to demonstrate the improvement of logistic systems and port operations using the proposed new INTE-TRANSIT technologies. Two different sets of pilots will be executed at the involved ports: 1. Application of ICT technologies on container/cargo tracking/monitoring, 2. Electronic tool/platform to implement the management model designed including the scoreboard associated.
- Develop/execute a best practice exchange framework for exchange of experience within the project as a sustainable means of communication beyond the project. Exchange visits will be focusing on knowledge gaining and awareness development on port modules (logistic organization, enhanced goods traceability, improved quality assurance).

The INTE-TRANSIT consortium includes three partners from Greece: the research partner Institute of Communication and Computer Systems (ICCS) and the companies PIRAEUS CONTAINER TERMINAL S.A. and SEAbility Ltd.

ICCS (<http://i-sense.iccs.gr>) is the coordinator of the project and supervises all the work performed in the framework of the INTE-TRANSIT project. Apart from its administrative role, ICCS is responsible for the development of the system for the tracking, monitoring and location of containers and the support of of these activities in a modern commercial port through the use of ICT technologies.

The company PIRAEUS CONTAINER TERMINAL S.A. (www.pct.com.gr) actively participates in all project activities and especially in the supervision of the pilots projects that are planned to take place in Valencia, Spain, in Koper, Slovenia and in Piraeus with basic aim to demonstrate the methodology and the technologies for the improvement and better organisation of the ports management systems.



Finally, the company SEAbility Ltd. (www.seability.eu) is responsible for the promotion and diffusion of the INTE-TRANSIT technologies and results as well as for all the project dissemination activities, events organisation, training activities organisation and exchange visits between the participating ports. In parallel, SEAbility Ltd. supports the identification of needs and the design and evaluation of ICT tools developed within the INTE-TRANSIT project.

Project Fact Sheet:

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- Total cost:** 1.834.201,98 Euros
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- Partners:**
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 - Luka Koper -Port of Koper, Slovenia;
 - PIRAEUS CONTAINER TERMINAL S.A., Greece;
 - CO.NA.TE.CO. SPA, Italy;
 - The Valenciaport Foundation for Research, Promotion and Commercial Studies of the Valencian region (Valenciaport Foundation), Spain;
 - SEAbility Ltd., Greece;
 - Andalusian Institute of Technology (IAT), Spain;
 - Andalusian Public Ports Authority, Spain.
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