

Maritime transport is recognized as an effective solution to increase the sustainability of the transport system. The role of the ports becomes vital, especially in the Mediterranean area with a majority of urban ports, for two main reasons: as a gateway of the intermodality transport network to access the surrounding inner regions; as strategic area to solve the urban port-city interface, both reducing the environmental impact of road/sea traffic accessing the port and including the port area into the social life of the urban community.

The PORTA project, within the framework of the EU Integrated Maritime Policy in the Mediterranean space, aims to overcome the dichotomy between maritime and transport policies and urban/local sustainable development of the areas surrounding the ports, by adopting new planning integrated approaches in the fields of transport, land use, urban environment and local governance.

This project, funded by the MED Program, has been carried out in three years (1.6.2010 – 30.5.2013) joining partners from five Mediterranean countries (Spain, Italy, France, Greece and Slovenia) to develop a new system of guidelines for integrating regional planning and port management.

The PORTA Final Conference “Port, city, territory. Integrated development strategies” is structured in two-days activities, including a Seminar on the project and the International Port-city networking, and a Workshop with a focus on Catania port area.



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# PORTA

PORTs as a gateway for Access inner regions

## FINAL CONFERENCE PORT, CITY, TERRITORY Integrated development strategies

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Catania, 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> of May 2013

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**PROGRAM**

## Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> of May

Rectorate of University of Catania - piazza Università 2

- 9:00 **Welcome**  
Prof. **MATTEO IGNACCOLO**  
*Scientific Responsible of the PORTA Project, University of Catania*  
Prof. **GIACOMO PIGNATARO**  
*Rector of University of Catania*  
Avv. **RAFFAELE STANCANELLI**  
*Mayor of Catania*  
Prof. **ENRICO FOTI**  
*Director of Civil and Environmental Engineering Department, University of Catania*  
Dr. **COSIMO AIELLO**  
*Commissario Catania Port Authority*  
Amm. **DOMENICO DE MICHELE**  
*Eastern Sicily Maritime Director*
- 9:30-11:15 **SESSION 1 - The PORTA Project**  
**Chairman:** Prof. **GIUSEPPE INTURRI**, *University of Catania*  
Port Institute for Studies and Co-Operation in the Valencian Region - FEPORTS, Lead partner of the PORTA Project (E)  
University of Catania (I)  
Luka Koper spa, Port of Koper (SLO)  
Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Marseille Provence (F)  
Catania Port Authority (I)  
Piraeus Port Authority (GR)
- 11:15-11:45 **Coffee Break**
- 11:45-13:00 **SESSION 2 - International Port-city networking**  
**Chairman:** Prof. **MATTEO IGNACCOLO**  
Prof. **MANUEL GUERRA**  
*Director of Planning, Infrastructures and Territorial Integration, Port Authority of Valencia (E)*  
Prof. **RINIO BRUTTOMESSO**  
*Vice President and Director of Scientific Committee of RETE, Association for the cooperation between ports and cities (I)*  
Arch. **CYNTHIA FICO**  
*Italian Ministry of Transport, Managing Authority of the Italian PON Networks and Mobility (I)*  
**JOSÉ RAMÓN RUIZ MANSO**  
*Director of Corporate Activities, Santander Port Authority (E)*
- 13:00 **Closing**

## Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of May

Refettorio piccolo, Monastero dei Benedettini - piazza Dante 24

### Workshop: Focus on Catania port area

- 9:00 **Registration**
- 9:15-9:30 **Presentation**  
Prof. **MATTEO IGNACCOLO**  
*Scientific Responsible of the PORTA Project, University of Catania*
- 9:30-9:50 **Opening**  
Prof. **GIUSEPPE INTURRI**  
*University of Catania*  
Prof. **PAOLO LA GRECA**  
*Director of Department of Architecture, University of Catania*  
Prof. **FRANCESCO MARTINICO**  
*University of Catania*
- 9:50-11:00 **Local actors/International experiences**  
**Chairman:** Prof. **RINIO BRUTTOMESSO**  
*Vice President and Director of Scientific Committee of RETE, Association for the cooperation between ports and cities*  
Catania Port Authority  
Municipality of Catania
- 11:00-11:30 **Coffee Break**
- 11:30-12:15 Prof. **VICENT ESTEBAN CHAPAPRÍA**  
*Director of the School of Civil Engineering (Camino, canales y puertos), Universidad Politécnica de Valencia (E)*  
Arch. **F. JAVIER HUESA LAZA**  
*Town Planning Department, Seville City Council (E)*  
Dr. **CLAUDIO VANNI**  
*Livorno Port Authority (I)*  
On. Prof. **GIOVANNI LA VIA**  
*European Parliament Member (EU)*
- 12:15-13:30 **Debate**
- 13:30 **Closing**