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**Integrated and Sustainable  
Transport in Efficient  
Network - ISTEN**

**ISTEN aims to improve intermodal connections from Adriatic-Ionian ports to the hinterland, in particular by supporting rail freight flows and last-mile connections.**



**Specific objectives:**

- Create a transnational cooperation network to boost innovation and establish a durable cooperation among ADRION ports and intermodal terminals
- Define a common approach and governance model for ADRION integrated hubs
- Enhance the competitiveness and environmental sustainability of freight transport across the ADRION area

**Expected results:**

- Improved knowledge on the current bottlenecks towards an integrated hubs network in the ADRION region  
*Comprehensive analyses undertaken at both local and transnational/EU level will allow to study the existing and potential commercial flows across the ADRION area, to identify the main bottlenecks towards achieving an ‘integrated port-hinterland hub’, as well as the best practices to be collected into a technical and operational toolbox.*
- Strengthened cooperation among port and hinterland infrastructures at local/hub and transnational/network level  
*Working groups’ activities at local level, in parallel with the set-up of a transnational cooperation network will facilitate the exchange of information and knowledge among key transport and logistics actors in view of defining the conditions to achieve an ‘integrated port-hinterland hubs’ network.*
- Enhanced capacity in planning and organizing efficient and environmentally sustainable logistic services  
*Based on local working groups’ findings, a set of relevant measures to be implemented to achieve the desired level of integration among port-hinterland actors, operations and infrastructures will be included in the local action plan for each ISTEN territorial context. Those that will be identified as common needs and challenges will then be addressed in the Strategic Action Plan for the whole ADRION region.*

**Partners:**

- Mediterranea University of Reggio Calabria (Italy, Lead Partner);
- Institute for Transport and Logistics Foundation - ITL (Italy);
- Port Network Authority of the Eastern Adriatic Sea (Italy);
- Luka Koper d.d. (Slovenia);
- Thessaloniki Port Authority (Greece);
- CERTH/HIT - Centre for Research & Technology Hellas/Hellenic Institute of Transport (Greece);
- Regional Council of Durrës (Albania);

- Port of Bar (Montenegro);
- Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia;
- Port Authority of Šibenik-Knin County (Croatia).

**Associated Partners:**

- Bologna Inland Terminal (Italy);
- Emilia-Romagna Region (Italy);
- University of Belgrade (Serbia);
- Durrës Port Authority (Albania);
- South East Europe Transport Observatory - SEETO (Serbia).



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