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PORTS COOPERATION between SICILY AND MALTA

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EASTERN SICILIAN PORTS

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Port System Authority
of the Eastern Sicilian Sea



PORT OF AUGUSTA

The Port is included in the **TEN-T "CORE" NETWORK** as a strategic port of the European Union due to its central position along international traffic routes.

The equipped surfaces are over 250,000 square meters.

Inside the port there are shipyards, repair, storage and refueling sites.

A large part has moorings and equipment for tourist / pleasure-boat use.



PORT OF CATANIA

The Port is located **in the center of the Mediterranean basin**, in an equidistant position between the Suez Canal and Gibraltar and between European and African ports. It has a total area of about one million square meters.

Its characteristics give the port a main and decisive role in the development of national, European and international maritime traffic.





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MALTA

Strategically located **at the centre of the Mediterranean Sea**, at the confluence of the major sea-lanes linking Europe, North Africa and the Middle East, Malta's unique position affords easy access to these markets and beyond.

GRAND HARBOUR

This Port in Valletta is one of Malta's main port, and one of **the most spectacular natural deep water harbours** in the Mediterranean. It also offers a comprehensive service covering practically all maritime requirements.

MARSAXLOKK

This Port consists of the container terminal and industrial storage facilities which are operated by the Malta Freeport Terminals. It also houses the **storage facilities of oil products terminal**.

OTHER PORTS

A number of other ports occasionally host ships on international voyages, usually passenger vessels: Port of Marsamxett, Port of Mgarr, Port of Cirkewwa and Port of St Paul's Bay.



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THE SCANDINAVIAN - MEDITERRANEAN CORRIDOR

The aim is to provide coordinated capacity planning, traffic and infrastructure management as well as 'one-stop-shop' contact points by strengthening cooperation between PERIPHERAL AREAS of the Corridor.

The Scandinavian-Mediterranean corridor is a **crucial axis for the European economy**, since it links the major urban centres and economic areas in Germany, as well as Italy to Scandinavia and the Mediterranean. It begins at the Finnish-Russian border, crosses Finland, Sweden (with a branch to Norway) to the European inland. Then it runs southbound to Germany, Austria and finally Italy from the north to the south, to Sicily and Malta.





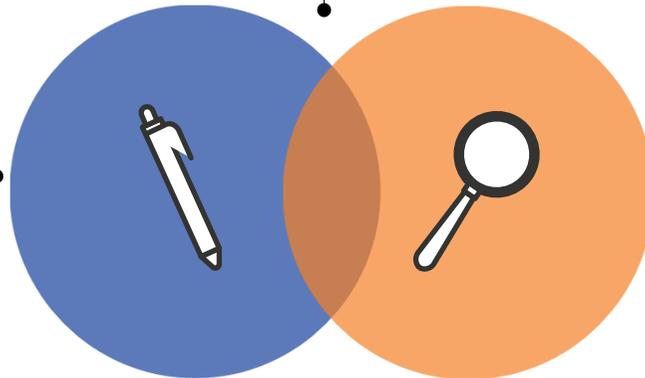
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

RECOGNISING the importance of developing a strong relationship between the Parties with a view to enhancing cooperation between them, and their common will to consolidate, deepen and diversify their relationship in areas of mutual interest on the basis of equality, non-discrimination, respect for the natural environment and mutual benefit



CONFIRMING their desire to develop a better understanding of the Mediterranean market opportunities and deeper relationships with Mediterranean-based entities, active in all sectors of interest, and achieve important common goals such as the CMP (Copenhagen Malmö Port) in the Baltic Sea Region

PURSUANT to their respective laws and regulations

The **PORT SYSTEM AUTHORITY OF THE EASTERN SICILIAN SEA** and **TRANSPORT MALTA** shall collaborate with the objective of strengthening their relationship as port authorities to provide safe, secure and efficient services and facilities; remain updated and relevant as technological opportunities and customer needs change, becoming an innovative and customer-oriented port and terminal operator safeguarding and enhancing market positioning; and develop environmentally friendly initiatives in line with climate change initiatives and obligations.

MOU: SPECIFIC OBLIGATIONS



General
framework to
cooperate and
pool resources



Regular and
systematic
communication



Benefits for
both Parties





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NEXT ACTIONS IN THE NEAR FUTURE

In order to ensure a full implementation of this MoU, the Parties shall consult each other on a regular basis to promote and organise meetings and Technical Round Tables.

The Technical Tables represent



The opportunity for the Eastern Sicilian Sea System Authority and the Maltese government to work together on a common project and therefore build a concrete experience.



The opportunity to develop an "integrated" position that favors both parties involved.



The Tables will be aimed at **technical coordination** and **mutual support** between the Eastern Sicily Sea Authority and Maltese ports, sharing ideas, identifying and implementing a common strategy, consulting and monitoring, as well as the identification of any specific in-depth topics based on the needs identified from time to time.



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