

NEWBRAIN PLUS | International Conference

The Adriatic-Ionian Motorways of Sea: sea bridges between Continental Europe and the East Med

20th May 2022 - Teatro delle Muse (Ancona) + Online | 11:00am - 01:30pm

The event, in the framework of the Cooperation Project for the Adriatic-Ionian Macro Region **NEWBRAIN PLUS**, will deepen how a new transport and logistics integrated system can enable the Motorways of the Sea in the **Adriatic-Ionian Macro Region to be a sea bridge** for the freight traffic between the Continental Europe and the East Med.

During the conference we're going to explore how the **Adriatic-Ionian Macro Regional Strategy** - with specific reference to maritime transport, decarbonisation, intermodal connections to the hinterland and cross border plans - is liaising with the **EU policy framework** (MoS, European Maritime Space, TEN-T Corridors) and with the **investment roadmaps at national level** towards the EU Green Deal objectives.

The conference will be in hybrid mode – in presence and online – with a simultaneous translation service (Italian and English).

FFP2 mask mandatory



OPENINGS | 11:00am - 11:10am

Enrico Giovannini, Minister of Infrastructure and Sustainable Mobility (videoconference)

INSTITUTIONAL WELCOME | 11:10am - 11:20am

- C.V. Donato de Carolis, Commander of the Port of Ancona and Marche Maritime Director
- Ida Simonella, Councillor for Port, Municipality of Ancona

INTRODUCTION | 11:20am - 11:30am

Francesco Acquaroli, President Marche Region

THE EVOLUTION OF THE TRANS EUROPEAN TRANSPORT NETWORK | 11:30am - 12:00am

- Anne E. Jensen, European Coordinator for Baltic-Adriatic Corridor
- Kurt Bodewig, European Coordinator for Motorways of the Sea (videomessage)
- Kristoffer Refberg, Adviser to Coordinator Baltic-Adriatic Corridor, European Commission

INSTITUTIONAL SPEECHES | 12:00am - 12:50pm

- Mauro Coltorti, President VIII Commission for Public Works, Senate of the Republic
- Raffaella Paita, President IX Commission for Transport, Chamber of Deputies
- Davide Gariglio, Member IX Commission for Transport, Chamber of Deputies
- Edoardo Rixi, Member IX Commission for Transport, Chamber of Deputies
- Maurizio Lupi, Member III Commission for Foreign and Community Affairs, Chamber of Deputies

ROUND TABLE | 12:50pm - 01:20pm

- Vincenzo Garofalo, President, Central Adriatic Ports Authority
- Alberto Milotti, Vice-president, Europlatform
- Pierluigi Coppola, Pillar 2 EUSAIR Coordinator, Ministry of Infrastructure and Sustainable Mobility

CONCLUSIONS | 01:20pm - 01:30pm

Marco Marsilio, President, Abruzzo Region

Moderator: Alexio Picco, **Managing Director Circle Group**

THE NEWBRAIN PLUS PROJECT

The **NEWBRAINPLUS project**, funded by ADRION programme and coordinated by Central Adriatic Ports Authority, lasts 6 months from January to June 2022. It aims at promoting towards the most relevant European, national and macro regional institutions in the transport and logistics fields, the centrale role of Motorways of the Sea for the Adriatic-Ionian Region and the role of gateway of the core port of Ancona for the connection among the South-East Mediterranean and the Central-Northern Europe.

Capitalising the results from NEWBRAIN project, ended in 2020 after 37 months, NEWBRAIN PLUS wants to relaunch the transnational strategy signed by the 8 partners of NEWBRAIN representing the respective logis-tics nodes, ports and inland terminals reinforcing the institutional cooperation in the Adriatic-Ionian Macro Re-gion for the infrastructural enhancement and the transport services improvement, together with energy sus-tainability and digital innovation.