

## PORTS - Partnership for the Observation and study of new Routes and Transnational Sea-highways

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### PROJECT SUMMARY

Motorways of the Sea are constantly expanding with a goal of offering an extensive network of fast, frequent, reliable maritime links for the transport of trucks, trailers, cars and other rolling cargo in the Mediterranean and North Europe. Sea transportation as the natural alternative to the already congested motorways, thus promoting the EU's policy of shifting goods from the road to more environmentally friendly transport solutions.

The PORTS project intends to study the impact of new routes and MoS between Apulian, Montenegrin and Albanian coasts, particularly between the ports of Taranto, Kotor and Durres, and to analyse their socio-economic impact. It also aims to increase cross-boarder dialogue and ultimately accessibility, by:

- creating a large international network including all the relevant stakeholders in the area;
- creating an international research laboratory (PORTS LAB) to study new forms of integrated transport RO/PAX and new cruiser lines between the ports of Taranto, Kotor, Bar and Durres and to analyze data with a mathematical provisional transport model;
- organizing international round tables in order to discuss main findings of the research
- sharing good practices and training professional within the industry.

Main target of the actions are public authorities managing transport of passengers and freight, and economic operators along the spine of the eastern Balkans.

### PARTENARIATO

- **LEAD PARTNER:** Fondazione ITS per la Mobilità sostenibile – ambito gestione infomobilità e infrastrutture logistiche - GE.IN.LOGISTIC.
- **PP2:** Programma Sviluppo
- **PP3:** Politecnico di Bari – Polytechnic University of Bari
- **PP4:** Instituti i Transportit (Albanian Institute of Transport)
- **PP5:** Univerzitet Crne Gore (University of Montenegro)
- **PP6:** Autorità di Sistema Portuale del Mar Ionio - Port System Authority of Ionian Sea
- **PP7 (Partner Associato):** Luka Kotor – Port of Kotor
- **PP8 (Partner Associato):** Autoriteti Portual Durres – Durres Port Authority
- **PP 9 (Partner Associato):** Municipality of Taranto
- **PP10 (Partner Associato):** Consorzio Nautico Puglia