

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE **GEOPOLITICS OF TRANSPORT**

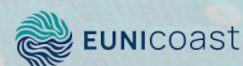
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Mediterranean transport corridors · Port
governance · Geoeconomics

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09:00–09:30

Opening of the International Conference

Welcome address and introduction to the objectives, partners and structure of the day.

09:30–10:30

Keynote Session

High-level governmental addresses

European and national representatives outline strategic priorities for Mediterranean connectivity, security and sustainable transport.

10:30–10:45

Coffee break

10:45–11:30

Academic Introductory Remarks

Conceptual frames for Mediterranean transport geopolitics

Introductory reflections on the EU as a guarantor of freedom of navigation, strategic autonomy, the risk of Mediterranean marginalisation, global trade routes, geopolitical instability, and the role of international law at sea.

11:30–13:00

Executive Panel

Are we all on the same boat? Mediterranean policy in an era of crisis

Business leaders and executives discuss how ports, railways, terminal operators and shipping lines are responding to disrupted sea lanes, new corridors and heightened security risks in the wider Mediterranean.

PARTICIPANTS

Business leaders and executives from ports, terminal operators, railway undertakings and shipping companies.

13:00–14:00

Lunch break

14:00–15:00

Scientific Panel I

From Suez Shocks to Arctic Shortcuts: Power Shifts, Maritime Insecurity, and the Future of the Mediterranean

Red Sea and Suez disruptions and emerging Arctic routes are rewiring global sea lanes, with risks of marginalising the Mediterranean. The panel assesses the strategic implications for states, ports and shippers.

15:00–16:00

Scientific Panel II

From Shorelines to Strategy: Mediterranean Scenarios from High Adriatic Coordination to Operative Competition

High-Adriatic cooperation serves as a testing ground for EU macro-regional strategies and as a zone of sharpening competition. Speakers explore futures ranging from coordinated governance to fragmented operative rivalry.

16:00–16:15

Coffee break

16:15–17:30

Scientific Panel III

Railway Operators and Shipowners as Market Makers: Infrastructure, Competition, and Regional Planning

New rail freight and high-speed corridors are redefining which regions become central or peripheral. The panel explores rail infrastructure as a geo-economic instrument and the impact of corridor design, regulation and competition policy.

17:30–18:45

Scientific Panel IV

Who Governs the Gateway? Port Authority Models in an Era of Intensified Competition

Port governance models – landlord, tool, service or mixed – shape investment, environmental performance and community bargaining power. The panel compares evolving European port authority arrangements and discusses which institutional choices best support competitiveness, sustainability and digital transformation.

18:45

End of Programme

Conference closes at 18:45. Further details and updates are available at emuni.si.