DIGITALISING THE ROAD LAST MILE FOR PORTS AND MULTIMODAL FREIGHT TERMINALS

DATA SHARING AND INTEROPERABILITY FOR EFFICIENT FREIGHT FLOWS

TRIESTE, 25 MARCH 2026

SAVOIA EXCELSIOR PALACE, RIVA DEL MANDRACCHIO, 4, TRIESTE

DRAFT AGENDA

9:00 – 9:30	**Welcome coffee** Registration / connection to the web platform
9:30 – 10:00	**Welcome and opening speeches** • Mr Marco Consalvo, *President of the Port Network Authority of the Eastern Adriatic Sea* • Mr Paolo Privileggio, *President and CEO of Interporto di Trieste S.p.A.* • Mrs Anne E. Jensen, *European Coordinator for the Baltic–Adriatic Corridor* • Mrs Cristina Amirante, *Friuli Venezia Giulia Regional Councillor for Infrastructure* • Mr Pierluigi Coppola, *Coordinator of the EUSAIR Pillar 2 "Connecting the region"* • Mr Patrick Skoniezki, *Euregio Tirol-Südtirol-Trentino, co-leader of the EUSALP Action Group no. 4 - Mobility*
10:00 – 10:30	**Synergies among European funds for digitalising road freight flows. Insights from ACCESSMILE, ELODIE, MERIDIAN, MILEPORT and PRESPORT projects.** • Mr Alberto Cozzi, Port Network Authority of the Eastern Adriatic Sea
10:30 – 11:00	**Keynote speeches:** • *Public investments driving the digital transformation of transport*, Mr Luca Pentrella, General Directorate for ports, logistics and intermodality, Italian Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure
11:00 – 11:30	**COFFEE BREAK**

11:30 – 12:15	**Keynote speeches** • *From Real-Time Slot Management to Intelligent Traffic Control: Digital Innovation at the Port of Hamburg*, Mr Hermann D. Grünfeld, Head of Traffic Management, Hamburg Port Authority • *Connecting rail-road terminals: a shared digital language for national logistics*, Mr Massimo Arnese, ICT manager of the Novara Freight Village, UIR - Italian Freight villages trade association
12:15 – 13:00	**Round table discussion** *Digitalising road freight transport: operational experiences and future perspectives* Moderator: Mr Andrea Ballarin • Mr Andrea Condotta, Director of Public Affairs, Sustainability, and Innovation, Gruber Logistics • Mr Zoltán Fábián, Managing Director, Mahart Container Center • Mr Roberto Richter, Senior Project Manager, Luka Koper d.d. • Mr Paolo Menegazzo, Head of Strategic Planning Unit, North Adriatic Sea Port Authority • Mr Nicola Busatto, Head Of Technology, Concessioni Autostradali Venete S.p.A.
13:00 – 13:15	**Conclusions and closing remarks** • Mr José Maria Diez, European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA) • Mr Winfried Ritt, Joint Secretariat of the Interreg Central Europe Programme • Mr Hrvoje Grancarić, Joint Secretariat of the Interreg Italy-Croatia Programme
13:15	**BUFFET LUNCH**

Simultaneous translation in English and Italian will be available.

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On 25 March 2026, the Port Network Authority of the Eastern Adriatic Sea, in cooperation with the Autonomous Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia and the Interporto di Trieste, and under the auspices of EUSAIR, will host the conference **"Digitalising the Road Last Mile for Ports and Multimodal Freight Terminals. Data sharing and interoperability for efficient freight flows"** at the Savoia Excelsior Palace in Trieste.

The event will focus on one of the most pressing operational and strategic challenges for the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T): the efficient management of road freight flows at core nodes, particularly ports and multimodal freight terminals. As traffic volumes continue to grow and supply chains become increasingly complex, digital solutions are essential to optimise truck entry and exit procedures, reduce congestion at access points and enhance the overall reliability and sustainability of freight transport.

The conference will bring together representatives from European institutions, national ministries, regional authorities, port and terminal operators, road infrastructure managers and logistics stakeholders. The programme combines high-level policy perspectives with operational experiences and concrete case studies.

The morning session will open with institutional greetings and contributions from key European and macroregional actors, including the European Coordinator for the Baltic-Adriatic Corridor, representatives of the EUSAIR Pillar 2 "Connecting the Region" and EUSALP Action Group 4 - Mobility. This will frame the discussion within the broader context of European corridor development and macroregional cooperation.

A dedicated session will explore the synergy among European and national funding instruments, presenting insights from the projects ACCESSMILE (Interreg Central Europe), MERIDIAN (CEF Transport), MILEPORT and PRESPORT (Interreg Italy–Croatia), and ELODIE (Italian Recovery and Resilience Plan). The aim is to highlight how complementary programmes addressing similar challenges in different geographical areas can generate added value through coordination, cross-fertilisation and shared governance approaches.

Keynote speeches will address both policy and operational dimensions. From a strategic perspective, public investments and their role in driving the digital transformation of transport will be examined. From an operational standpoint, best practices will be presented, including the experience of the Port of Hamburg in integrating real-time slot management, intelligent traffic control and interoperable data interfaces for landside traffic management, as well as initiatives connecting rail-road terminals through a shared digital framework.

The event will conclude with a round table discussion bringing together port authorities, logistics operators, road infrastructure managers and terminal representatives to debate practical solutions and future perspectives for digitalising road freight transport. The discussion will focus on interoperability, real-time data exchange and coordinated traffic management as key enablers of more efficient and sustainable logistics systems.

The conference will be organised in a hybrid format, allowing participation both in person and online. Simultaneous interpretation in English and Italian will be provided.