

The Concept

The “motorways of the sea” concept aims at introducing new intermodal maritime-based logistics chains in Europe, which should bring about a structural change in our transport organisation within the next years to come. These chains will be more sustainable, and should be commercially more efficient, than road-only transport. Motorways of the sea will thus improve access to markets throughout Europe, and bring relief to our over-stretched European road system. For this purpose, fuller use will have to be made not only of our maritime transport resources, but also of our potential in rail and inland waterway, as part of an integrated transport chain. This is the Community added-value of motorways of the sea.

European interest corridors

- 1.- Motorway of the Baltic Sea (linking the Baltic Sea Member States with Member States in Central and Western Europe, including the route through the North Sea/Baltic Sea canal).
- 2.- Motorway of the Sea of western Europe (leading from Portugal and Spain via the Atlantic Arc to the North Sea and the Irish Sea).
- 3.- Motorway of the Sea of south-east Europe (connecting the Adriatic Sea to the Ionian Sea and the Eastern Mediterranean, including Cyprus).
- 4.- Motorway of the Sea of south-west Europe (western Mediterranean, connecting Spain, France, Italy and including Malta and linking with the Motorway of the Sea of south-east Europe and including links to the Black Sea).

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Western Europe Sea Transport & Motorway of the Sea



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Marittimo nell'Europa Occidentale e Autostrade del Mare (WEST-MOS)

El objetivo del proyecto es avanzar con la preparación e implementación de las Autopistas del Mar en el área occidental de Europa (zonas marítimas del oeste y sur oeste de Europa) y proporcionar una plataforma para la coordinación del desarrollo de Autopistas del Mar de las zonas marítimas del oeste y sur oeste de Europa, incluyendo los agentes clave en estos corredores.

Le projet vise à faire progresser la préparation et la mise en œuvre des corridors d'autoroutes de la mer dans l'Ouest de l'Europe (zones maritimes européennes Ouest et Sud Ouest) et de fournir une plate-forme de coordination pour le développement des corridors d'autoroutes de la mer de l'Ouest et Sud Ouest européen, en impliquant les acteurs clés de ces corridors

The project aims to make progress with the preparation and implementation of Motorways of the sea corridors in the Western area of Europe (West and South West European sea areas) and to provide a platform for co-ordination for the development of the Western European and South-Western European corridors of the Motorways of the sea, involving the key stakeholders in these corridors

Il Progetto punta a sviluppare la preparazione e la realizzazione dei corridoi delle Autostrade del Mare nell'area dell'Europa Occidentale (Regioni marittime dell'Europa dell'Ovest e del Sud Ovest) e a definire una piattaforma per il coordinamento dello sviluppo dei corridoi delle Autostrade del Mare nell'area dell'Europa Occidentale e Sud-Occidentale, coinvolgendo i principali soggetti interessati a questi corridoi.



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