



**Annual report 2008-2009 of the European Coordinator (Luis Valente de Oliveira) for TEN-T Priority Project 21 Motorways of the Sea**

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Atlantic Arc Commission - CPMR**



## July 2009: The European Coordinator presents his annual report on the Motorways of the Sea project

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- As this is an end-of-mandate report, it will deal with not only the last annual period but also **the entire four-year period just past: 2005-2009**.
- Firstly, the role of maritime transport in international trade and, in particular, in the Motorways of the Sea is **valued very positively**:
  - These allow maritime distribution (with lower external costs than for road distribution) of goods unloaded in the major hub ports where only very large ships stop.
  - They also allow regular and frequent connections with peripheral regions, islands, third countries, etc
  - They facilitate the integration of the key elements of the EU's maritime policies (a maritime space without borders, the maritime transport strategy for 2018, etc)
- As **priority developments** for the Motorways of the Sea, the reports lists the following:
  - Ports: rail connections, information systems, new docks, etc
  - Connections with the hinterland: accesses, logistics centres, dry ports, rail lines, etc
  - Telecommunications
  - Ships: Perhaps these should be regarded as a type of infrastructure
  - Personnel: training in order to have technicians available for maritime operations
- Proposes to encourage the use of instruments such as the **"Eco-Bonus"**
- The **TEN-T** review represents an opportunity to **broaden the range of objective actions** and tackle all elements of a Motorway of the Sea: ships, intelligent port infrastructures, pilot tests, launch period...

## 12 Recommendations of the European Coordinator on the Motorways of the Sea



1. Integration of infrastructures and services in ports
2. Improvement of connections with the hinterland
3. Development of intelligent services tracking and tracing, just-in-time control, etc
4. Making studies to determine how to help the sector
5. Support for the development of ports and port activities
6. Improvement in education and training of human resources
7. Development of information systems to integrate procedures and operations along the length of a door to door chain
8. Support for technological development actions to reduce the environmental impact of ships and equipment
9. Improved development of the different financial instruments
10. Updating of TEN-T guidelines with the experience acquired
11. Simplification of bureaucracy wherever possible
12. Extension of the European experience to North Africa and the Sub-Saharan regions

# 28th April 2009: signing of the bilateral agreement for the operation launch of the France-Spain Motorway of the Sea



## DOSSIER DE PRESSE

Lancement de deux  
autoroutes de la mer entre  
la France et l'Espagne  
Vendredi 27 février 2009



## Nota de prensa

Permitirán reducir las emisiones de gases de efecto invernadero

### España y Francia dan luz verde a la puesta en servicio de dos Autopistas del Mar

- Permitirán ahorrar tiempo, dinero y emisiones con respecto al transporte de camiones por carretera
- Una conectará Algeciras y Vigo con los puertos de Le Havre y Nantes-Saint Nazaire y otra unirá el puerto de Gijón con el francés de Nantes-Saint Nazaire

Madrid, 28 de abril de 2009 (Ministerio de Fomento).

El Gobierno de España y el de Francia han dado hoy, en el transcurso de la cumbre bilateral hispano-francesa, los últimos pasos administrativos necesarios para la puesta en marcha de las dos primeras Autopistas del Mar que conectarán entre sí puertos de ambos países con la firma del Segundo "Acuerdo Internacional sobre la puesta en marcha y financiación de dos proyectos de autopistas del mar entre Francia y España en la fachada Atlántica-La mancha-Mar del Norte"

## Projets d'autoroutes de la mer entre l'Espagne et la France



# 30th October 2009: the implementation process of the two France-Spain Motorway of the Sea begins



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## Nota de prensa

Esta autorización es un requisito necesario para la creación de las autopistas y reafirma la postura del Gobierno para su puesta en marcha

### El Gobierno autoriza firmar los acuerdos para la puesta en servicio de dos Autopistas del Mar entre España y Francia

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Madrid, 30 de octubre de 2009 (Ministerio de Fomento).

El Consejo de Ministros ha autorizado hoy la firma del acuerdo, a propuesta del Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores y de Cooperación, entre España y Francia para la puesta en marcha y la financiación de dos





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