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Spain-France-Italy-Slovenia-Croatia-Hungary

TAG PRE-MEETING
Carles Rúa - TAG spokesman

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Topics for the meeting:

- Terminal info points.
- CEF 2 funds for terminal (mainly small terminals).
- Impact of the current SC disruptions (blank sails, empty containers, maritime shortage,...).
- Rail Motorways, a new problema for intermodal terminals.
- Unlock of the Perpignan- Montpellier section.
- TAG spokesman.

Terminal info points:

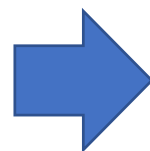
- Mediterranean RFC CID Book 3: terminal description
- Rail Facilities Portal <https://railfacilitiesportal.eu/>
- RNE CIP Customer Information Platform <https://info-cip.rne.eu/>
- ADIF – Corredor Mediterraneo <https://corredor-mediterraneo-adif.hub.arcgis.com/>

CEF 2 funds:

- New call CEF 2 expected in 2021.
- 6000 M€ expected for each year (2021, 2022 and 2023).
- Completion TEN-T: 1870 M€ general + 2350 M€ cohesion;
modernisation TEN-T: 1000 M€ general + 450 € cohesion; 330 M€
military mobility.
- Difficulties of small terminal to access funding
- Survey to identify fund needs? Collaborative projects alongside
MED CNC?

SC disruptions

- Covid-19
- Blank sailings
- Highest freight rates ever (x5)
- Suez Canal blockage
- Yantian Port closure
- Partial closure of Ningbo Port
- Delays in American ports



- Container shortage
- Higher costs of SC
- Shift from maritime to rail
- Near shoring
- Congestion in terminals

New rail motorways

- New proposals for rail motorways: Perpignan – Calais, Perpignan – Saarbrücken, Valencia – Madrid, Algeciras – Zaragoza, Sete – Paris,...
- Many projects in all Europe related to RM
- Multiple systems: Modalohr, CargoBeamer, craneable trailers,...
- Need of space
- Terminal congestion

Unlock of the Montpellier-Perpignan section

- Uno of the most important bottlenecks in the corridor.
- In 2018: 10 years for Montpellier – Beziers and 10 more years for Beziers – Perpignan.
- In any case, not finished before 2030.
- New opportunities to speed up the project.
- Finance agreement among French state, Occitan region and other organizations: 8000 M€.
- Need to push form the MED RFC.

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