

2nd INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

GLOBAL CONNECTIVITY WITH THE MEDITERRANEAN BASIN

with a special emphasis on

THE ROLE OF FREE ZONES IN THE INTERNATIONAL LOGISTICS NETWORK

One and a Half Days

Wednesday 26th & Thursday 27th June 2013

GIOIA TAURO, ITALY



ORGANISED BY
WORLD FREE ZONE CONVENTION

WITH THE COLLABORATION OF
GIOIA TAURO PORT AUTHORITY

SUPPORTED BY SIMEST, ITALY



Main aims

- ▲ Provide a strategic forum to discuss the development of the Free Zones sector in terms of production, processing and forwarding goods
- ▲ Plan how to foster new industrial partnerships through the development of zones, logistics and transport/warehousing facilities between production centres and world markets
- ▲ Bring together policy makers, industrial and financial corporations and funds to discuss new investment and business ideas
- ▲ Increase the role of Free and Special Economic Zones in fostering trade development and investment between the Mediterranean basin and leading global economy markets (i.e. China, ASEAN, GCC, India etc.)

Invited speakers include

Representatives of the European Commission, Customs Organisations, Union for the Mediterranean, SIMEST, Italian Government, CONFINDUSTRIA, Port of Trieste, Shipping Lines and Logistics companies, Free & Special Economic Zones and Authorities from around the world.

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DAY ONE - Wednesday 26th June 2013

08.30 Participants Registration

09.30 Welcome and Opening speeches

Mr. Renato Bellofiore Mayor of the City of Gioia Tauro, Italy

Mr. Giovanni Grimaldi President, Gioia Tauro Port Authority, Italy

Mr. Graham Mather Chairman, World Free Zone Convention, London, UK

Mr. Andrea Cuzzocrea President of CONFINDUSTRIA Reggio Calabria, Italy

Ministry of Transportation Government of Italy

Ministry of Economic Development Government of Italy

Department of European Affairs Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Government of Italy

Mr. Giuseppe Scopelliti President of Region Calabria, Italy

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11.00 - 11.30 **Coffee Break**

SESSION ONE – OVERVIEW OF FREE ZONES – CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Moderated by Graham Mather Chairman, World Free Zone Convention, London, UK

11.30 *Free Zones in the World – Free Zones in the European Union*

Dr. Alberto Castronovo SIMEST, Rome, Italy

Avvocato Maurizio D'Amico Lawyer - EU Law Expert, Rome, Italy

EU State Aids Directorate Brussels, Belgium

12.30 *Ports and Free Zones in the Mediterranean Region*

Ambassador Yigit Alpogan Deputy Secretary General, UPM (Union for the Mediterranean) *

Speaker from European Investment Bank *

Mr. Jamal Mikou Board Member Agence Speciale Tanger Mediterranee, Morocco

13.30 - 14.30 **Luncheon**

SESSION TWO – TAXATION, CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND INCENTIVES

14.30 *Improving the Business Climate*

Dr. Walter De Santis Director, Italian Customs Agency, Rome, Italy

Dr. Alberto De Monte Director, Roland Berger Strategy Consultants, Rome, Italy

15.30 *Marketing approaches for successfully attracting FDI*

Ms. Courtney Fingar Editor, FDI Intelligence, London, UK

Mr. Lucio Dattola President, Chamber of Commerce Reggio Calabria

16.00 - 16.30 **Coffee Break**

16.30 SESSION THREE – FREE ZONE DEVELOPMENT – MATERIAL PROCESSING, MANUFACTURING & ASSEMBLY, LOGISTICS AND DISTRIBUTION

Mr. Edgars Suna Director, Marketing Department, Freeport of Riga, Latvia

Mr. Enrico Camerinelli Director and Chief Analyst, ERMI, Italy

18.00 VIDEO PRESENTATION BY GIOIA TAURO PORT AUTHORITY

19.30 **Gala Dinner (by invitation)**

DAY TWO - Thursday 27th June 2013

Moderated by Mr. Pino Arlacchi Member European Parliament, Brussels & Strasbourg

09.30 SESSION FOUR - BEST PRACTICES AND LATEST TRENDS FOR FREE ZONE DEVELOPMENT

*Speaker from United Arab Emirates **

Arch. Antonella Stasi Vice President Region Calabria, Italy

Hon. Luigi Fedele Councillor Department of Transportation of Region Calabria, Italy

Dr. Enrico Maria Pujia General Manager Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, Italy

10.30 SESSION FIVE - PROCESSING & MANUFACTURING OF SELECTED AND NICHE APPLICATIONS

Mr. Massimiliano Maurizi Project Manager,- Logistics Sector, INVITALIA, Rome, Italy

Mr. Giuseppe Pedà National Coordinator Young Entrepreneurs of Confcommercio, Italy

Prof. Giuseppe Soriero Lecturer at Magna Grecia University of Catanzaro, Italy

11.30 SESSION SIX – FUNDING, LAYOUT, ARCHITECTURE AND MANAGEMENT OF BUILDINGS AND THEIR ENVIRONMENT

Mr. Johnathan Stock The Dialogue Group, London, UK *

Prof. Pasquale Catanoso Chancellor “Univeristà Mediterranea” of Reggio Calabria, Italy *

11.00 - 11.30 Coffee Break

12.30 Closing and Conclusions of the Conference

Mr. Domenico Bagalá Managing Director, Medcenter Container Terminal SpA, Gioia Tauro, Italy

* to be confirmed

The Two Day Conference will be held in Italian with simultaneous translation in English
Questions from Delegates to the Speakers will be encouraged throughout the Conference