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Jordi Torrent, head of strategy at Port of Barcelona, appointed new secretary general at MEDPorts

- **The association, which gathers the main Mediterranean ports, has set itself the objective of providing its members with the necessary tools to advance in decarbonization and take advantage of the new challenges of globalization.**

- **Cooperation between the two Mediterranean shores represented in the Association is key to reinforcing the central role of the Mediterranean in international trade flows.**

Jordi Torrent, head of strategy at Port of Barcelona, has been appointed secretary general of the Mediterranean ports' association MEDPorts. Torrent's designation has been approved during the association's General Assembly, which was held on February 6 and 7 in Tunis. The assembly has also appointed Pino Musolino, president of the Autorità di Sistema Portuale (AdsP) of the Tyrrhenian Sea Centro Settentrionale, as president of the association.

MEDPorts has 23 members that bring together the main Mediterranean ports, as well as the managing entities of the Moroccan and Tunisian ports: Algeciras, Arzew, Barcelona, Construía, Bejaia, Beirut, Cartagena, Civitavecchia, Durrës, Igoumenitsa, Luka Koper, Malta Freeport , Marseille Fos, Serport Group, Sète, Skikda, Tanger Med, Taranto, Toulon, Valencia, Venezia, Agence Nationale Portuaire-ANP (Morocco) and Office de la Marine Merchant et des Ports-OMMP (Tunisia). The ports associated with MEDPorts represent 70% of the port traffic in the Mediterranean.

Founded in 2018, MEDPorts has the objective of promoting collaboration between Mediterranean ports to face the new challenges of international trade and logistics, while highlighting the centrality and importance of the Mediterranean in new world trade flows. To achieve these milestones, the association has three work committees dedicated to promotion, cooperation, and business development.

The MEDPorts General Assembly held during these two days has focused its debates precisely on the relationship between resilience, infrastructures, and training, with the participation of the Barcelona's Escola Europea Intermodal Transport.

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Taking office as the new general secretary of MEDPorts, Jordi Torrent has stated that the association "has to continue analyzing the trends of international maritime trade with the aim of launching initiatives that help Mediterranean ports to provide efficient and competitive solutions to their customers. Torrent, who will hold the general secretariat of MEDPorts for a minimum of two years, has also defended "deepening the cooperation between the members of the association with the aim that the ports of the region can take advantage of the growth opportunities offered by the new Silk Road and face the challenges of climate change. In this sense, the forthcoming entry into force of the SECA zone in the Mediterranean is especially important."

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PHOTO. From left to right: Jordi Torrent, head of strategy at Port of Barcelona and secretary general of MEDPorts, and Pino Musolino, president of the Autorità di Sistema Portuale (AdsP) of the Tyrrhenian Sea Centro Settentrionale and president of MEDPorts.



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