

The PAV exposes the potential of its services of Short Sea Shipping in Zaragoza

- **The Conference "Advantages for the companies of goods transport by road of the use of Short Sea Shipping" was celebrated this morning in Zaragoza.**
- **In 2016, road traffic in Valenciaport reached 8.9 million tonnes and represented 12.5% of the total of the channeled tonnes.**

Valencia, February 15th 2017. – The Port Authority of Valencia (PAV), participated this morning in the "Advantages for the companies of goods transport by road of the use of Short Sea Shipping" (TMCD), organized by the Spanish Association of Promotion of TMCD, with the aim of developing this type of transport in Spain, to talk about the effects achieved and its future development. The meeting, which was attended by Fatima Zayed, PAV Logistics Services Manager, was held in Zaragoza in the framework of the Training Aid Program in relation to road transport of the Ministry of Public Works.

During her speech "TMCD's service offer in the Port of Valencia", Fátima Zayed has exposed the main quantities of traffic channeled through the three ports managed by the PAV (Valencia, Sagunto and Gandía) and highlighted the important role of the PAV ports serving the foreign trade of both the Valencian Community and its hinterland, where regions such as Madrid, Aragón, Extremadura, Murcia, Andalucía and Castilla y León stand out. The event was attended by representatives from companies such as Gefco 4pl, Noatum Rail Terminal Zaragoza, NRTZ, Capsa, Marcotrans, Ebro Marítima or Uniport Bilbao, among others.

Fátima Zayed stressed that the port of Valencia has 9 regular short-distance services that connect the area with 22 ports in 13 countries around the world. Also, Valenciaport has two regular seaway services that connect Valencia weekly with Italian ports. These services have allowed the ro-ro traffic of Valenciaport to register an increase of 4.3% in 2016 reaching 8.9 million tonnes. In this sense, at the end of 2016, ro-ro traffic represents 12.5% of total channeled goods.

Also, of the 329,137 transported platforms, a total of 124,513 were channeled through the so-called seaways, to regions such as Italy, Greece or North Africa. Among the handled goods stands out, machinery tools and spare parts with 535,462 tonnes, automobiles and their parts with 529,668 tonnes and oils and greases with 425,548 tonnes.

During her presentation, the head of Logistics Services of the PAV has emphasized the strategic component of Aragón for the Port Authority of Valencia, as evidenced by its participation in the terminal of Noatum Rail Terminal Zaragoza as well as the investments announced in the improvement of the railway connectivity between Valencia and Aragón community. Specifically, the PAV, plans to invest about 100 million

euros in improvements in the Valencia - Zaragoza railway line and in the rail accesses to the port of Sagunto. To account for the potential of traffic with this community, Fátima Zayed recalled that, in 2016, General Motors factory transported 14,535 vehicles by rail to the port of Valencia.

Fatima Zayed has underlined the commitment of the PAV to promote safer, ecological and sustainable maritime transport in TMCD services. It also recalled that the PAV, through the application of new technologies such as the ValenciaportPCS portal, is able to speed up the operational processes of companies in the port community, improve interoperability for the exchange of transport documents between agents or remove barriers to access ports, both the side of its connection to the foreland, as its internal connection to the hinterland, among other advantages.