

Aurelio Martínez shows his satisfaction by the agreement reached by the Courts to unlock the ZAL

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Valencia, 1st December 2016. - The president of the Port Authority of Valencia, Aurelio Martínez, has expressed his satisfaction for the agreement reached yesterday by the Valencian Courts to elaborate joint action lines between the Government, the Generalitat and the City of Valencia to unlock Port of Valencia's Logistics Activity Area. "We had no news about the agreement that was being agreed in the Courts and personally it has excited me. It is great news for all Valencians and especially for the closest neighborhoods, that the Courts reach an agreement with the consensus and unanimity of all groups to unlock the implementation of the ZAL " PAV's president said in the presentation act of the campaign against fraud and falsification of toys "Embark on a safe game" promoted by the Confederation of Consumers and Users (CECU) that was held this morning in the Clock Building of the port of Valencia.

Aurelio Martínez has also stressed that "the new ZAL will be much greener and in line with its environment than the one designed in the initial project. We all agree that it is logical that this should be the case, but it is also an area of activities and employment and, therefore, benefits us all. "And he continued to highlight that "The Courts, unanimously supporting a decision of the Port Authority of Valencia, are great and magnificent news. I think this is the first time something like this has happened. This is the way, the consensus in the great strategic decisions".

The agreement, which was unanimously approved and has had the participation of all groups in the drafting, also includes a request to begin the necessary studies to implement an area of logistical activities tailored to the current and future needs of ports managed by PAV. In this sense, Aurelio Martínez has wanted to emphasize the work done by the president of the Courts, Enric Morera, so that this agreement has been possible "I know myself that he has done a work of mediation and search for really commendable consensuses. I would like to express my gratitude to him and to each and every one of the political groups because, without his will to reach consensus, this agreement would not have been possible. "

Likewise, Martínez also recalled that "the port is no more than an entry and exit door, and who enters and leaves is society itself. Therefore, all society representatives have to make an agreement to improve that door and do it unanimously so that it is a reason for satisfaction for all".

Valencia-Zaragoza Railway Connection

Port Authority of Valencia's president has also taken advantage of CECU campaign presentation to thank the support demonstrations to the decision which was announced last Tuesday to invest 50 million euros in improving the rail line Valencia-Teruel - Zaragoza, an amount that has already been incorporated into the Valenciaport Business Plan and agreed with State Ports. In this regard, he recalled that "as I said at the time, PAV will act to support any strategic action the State cannot finance, financing it if it is within reach of our possibilities."

He also pointed out that "Zaragoza is fundamental for the port of Valencia as is the connection of the Mediterranean with the Cantabrian through Aragon. At the moment, almost all the containers of Zaragoza leave and enter by Barcelona because Valencia cannot compete in equal conditions ". "The line that was liberated with the construction of the AVE is a seaway for goods transport and, therefore, to compete with our present Aragon route, more similar to a donkey way, is impossible. In the 30's, it took less to get from Zaragoza to Valencia than now" he has concluded.