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# YILPORT TARANTO

## A New Corridor to Europe From Central Med

# THE PORT OF TARANTO:

## A FULLY INTERMODAL HUB ON THE MEDITERRANEAN ROUTE OF VALUE CREATION.



Port Network Authority  
of the Ionian Sea

Port of Taranto

The President  
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# Executive Summary



## STRATEGICALLY LOCATED IN THE HEART OF THE MED

The Port of Taranto is located in the deep south of Italy, along the **Scandinavian-Mediterranean Corridor of the EU Trans-European Transport Network**. It is very close to the main traffics coming from the doubled **Suez Canal**, thus boasting a very special position between the **Far East** and the **US connections** and **logistics activities**.



## A FLOURISHING ECONOMIC AREA FOR INVESTMENT AND GROWTH.

The **Ionian Special Economic Zone (SEZ)** represents a unique **investment opportunity** in the heart of the Med Area and is a «**constellation of logistic areas**» within and around the Port of Taranto.

Since February 2021, the Regulations for the functioning of the **Customs Free Zone of the Port of Taranto (CFZ)** has been activated. The CFZ of the port of Taranto represents a further attraction for the port and the back-port domain and will contribute to the growth of both the new container terminal and other port companies.



## A FULLY INTERMODAL HUB

The Port boasts full **intermodality** and **interoperability**, being directly connected with the road and railway national networks and with the Grottaglie cargo airport (20 km)



## A MODERN, COMPETITIVE AND CUTTING-EDGE INFRASTRUCTURE

The Port boasts new and modern infrastructural facilities including a new container terminal managed by a global operator, the **San Cataldo Container Terminal SpA**, controlled by **Yilport Holding a.s.**, running to be ranked among the 10 leading terminal operators in the world.

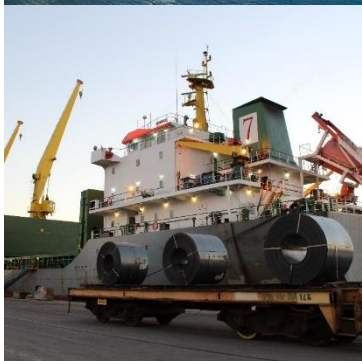
The competitive value of the port of Taranto is significantly enhanced by the industrial vocation of its traffic volumes developed by the concessionaires **ENI** and **Acciaierie d'Italia**, representing an important asset for the port and for the industrial logistics services connected to the relevant local plants.



## ON THE ROUTE OF THE LONG-WAVE OF VALUE CREATION

The Port Network Authority of the Ionian Sea has implemented its development strategy through the promotion of traffic diversification in order to **better place the port in the cruise industry**. In 2021 numbers rapidly increased and homeporting activities were carried out for the very first time in Taranto, in a newly established cruise terminal that is currently run by the Taranto Cruise Port, a company controlled by **Global Ports Holding Plc** ("GPH"), the world's largest independent cruise port operator;

The Port Authority is strengthening its pivotal role in facilitating **sustainable transport**, either through promoting **sustainable cruise tourism** or generating **energy efficiency** opportunities as well as providing source for **innovation** and a new **cohesion between the port and the city**.





# The port of Taranto Where we are

- It is positioned along the **Suez-Gibraltar** route
- It is **connected with the center of Europe** by rail and road linking the port to the national networks
- It is an **ideal logistic and intermodal hub** for the **Asian, EU and US** markets as well as the **Med and North Africa**
- It is in the **TEN-T network** as the final node of the rail/road terminal of the **EU Scandinavian-Mediterranean Corridor** (the **pink line** linking Helsinki to Malta) and a maritime node connecting the corridor to Valletta
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# Ten-T Network and Intermodal Connection

The Port Network Authority of the Ionian Sea puts the development of local territory at the top of its priorities focusing on **intermodality**, **EU regulation** compliance, developing the **TEN-T network**. The port of Taranto is the final node of the rail/road terminal of the **Scandinavian-Mediterranean Corridor** (Helsinki/ Malta) and a maritime node connecting the corridor to Valletta. **The proposed modification of the TEN-T networks provides for the extension of the Baltic - Adriatic corridor with the inclusion of the entire Adriatic railway network**. This will allow the Port of Taranto to cover this last corridor as well.

The strategy is to create **an integrated logistic system** around the port of Taranto based on a network of specialized structures effectively attracting maritime traffic and fostering the development of the local area.



## ROAD LINKS

*The Port is located immediately outside the urban area and has direct access to major road networks.*

*The A14 Adriatic highway (Taranto-Bari-Bologna) provides a vital link for the Port of Taranto in terms of long-distance transport, allowing quick and smooth cargo transfer on the way to markets in northern Italy and central Europe.*



## RAIL LINKS

*The Port is linked to the Adriatic rail ridge (Bari-Bologna) and to other lines serving Potenza-Naples, Brindisi-Lecce and Reggio Calabria. The Multipurpose Pier is directly linked to the national rail network. The railway network will be further upgraded thanks to the **measures provided for in the NRRP** with particular reference to the extension of high-speed rail and upgrading of regional networks. Works are underway by RFI to upgrade the railway network of the port which will allow, by the end of 2023, an efficient connection of the port with the national network and freight trains with a length up to 750 meters.*



## AIRPORTS

*The airport of Grottaglie is about 20 km from Taranto and is connected to the seaport by a road that runs directly from the port's Northern Gate. Grottaglie has a 3.2 km runway<sup>4</sup> among the longest in Europe and the second in southern Italy for runway length - for air cargo services, thus offering scope for an additional mode of transport for goods handled at the Port of Taranto.*

# Customs Free Zone *and* Special Economic Zones

The **CUSTOMS FREE ZONE** offers the exclusive benefit to carry out activities free of customs duties

The port includes:  
**11 bonded areas** covering  
a total surface of **162,89 ha**

The following activities can be carried out free of customs duties:

- **Long-term storage of goods**
- **Manipulation, light packaging, cleaning**
- **Transformation and manipulation for import-export purposes**

*(EU) Regulation nr. 952/2013*

With the issue of the Presidential Ordinance of the Port Network Authority of the Ionian Sea (PNAIS) on 16 February 2021, the **Regulations for the functioning of the Customs Free Zone of the Port of Taranto** has been activated and is now in force. The Customs Free Zone (CFZ) was established by law n. 160 of 27th December 2019 and its perimeter was defined by Presidential Decree of 13th March 2020 of the PNAIS, then approved by Directorial Determination of 28th April 2020 issued by The Customs and Monopolies Agency.

The **SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES** are the future of the production sites in Southern Italy: they interact “au pair” with the European and non-European economic realities, ready to grant medium-large settlements. The **Ionian SEZ** is active in Puglia and is an area of this type. Setting up your business in a SEZ area means availing of advantages and benefits.

**Less costs for those who choose Puglia.**

Puglia region is one of the most dynamic regions in Southern Italy thanks to its constant GDP growth, with the addition of the positive performance of the available income of consumer households per inhabitant. Choosing Puglia means to make use of **several and competitive services at lower costs than the average**: it means:

- average housing costs among the most competitive in Italy
- opting for a land that has made sustainability and inclusion two of the most crucial factors in economic and financial estimation.

*The Interregional Ionian SEZ covers a total of 2.579,41 hectares of which 1.518,41 are in Puglia. The Apulian side focuses on three main logistic hubs: the port of Taranto, the airport of Grottole and the intermodal terminal of Francavilla Fontana.*



State Concessions



Administrative and  
bureaucratic simplifications



Simplification of the  
Governance System



Customs Free Trade Zone



Regional Concessions



Favourable credit conditions



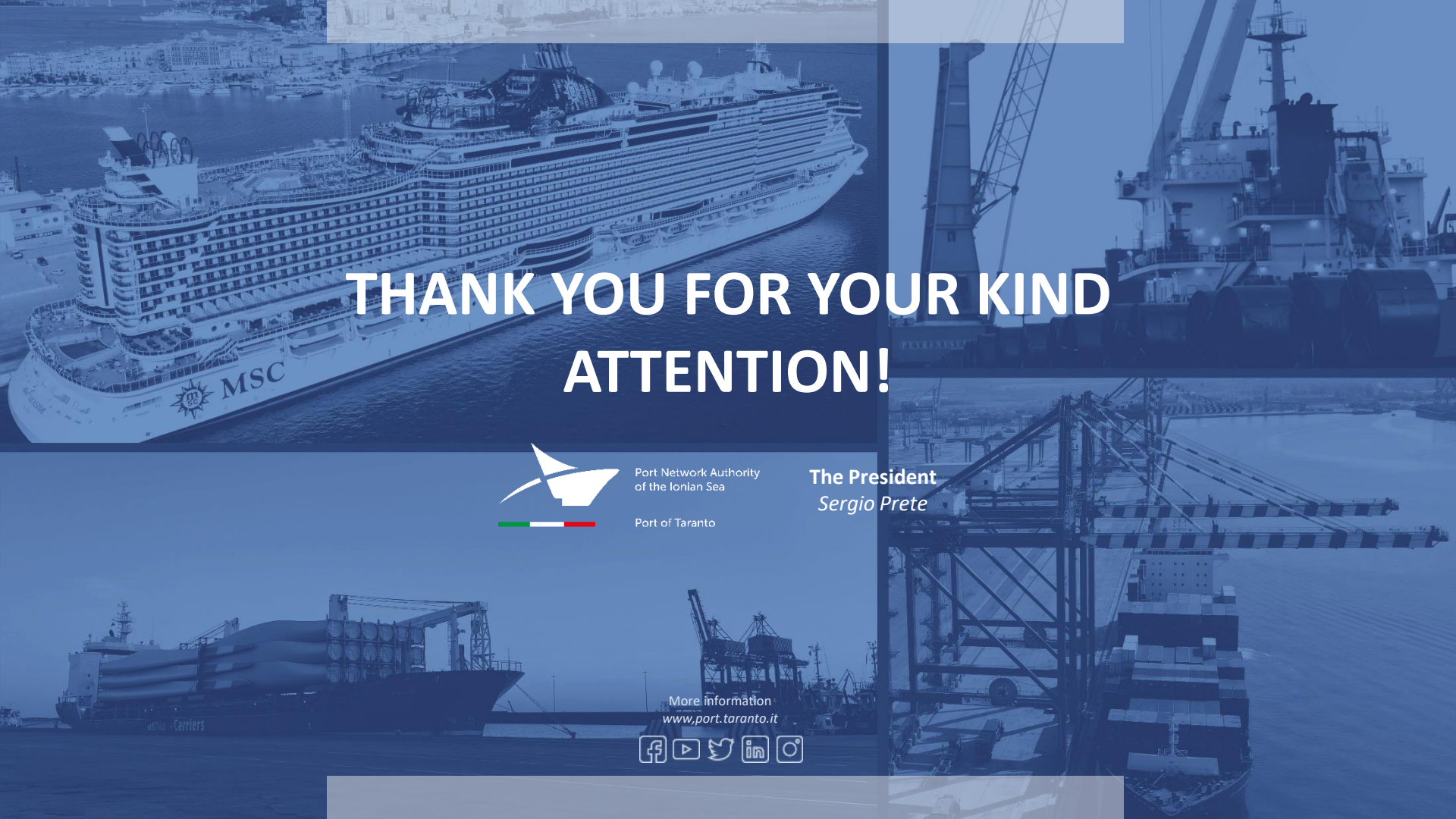
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