



The Port of Seville will invest €40 million between 2020 and 2024

- By 2021 the port will have a digitised system to manage rail traffic

10-11-2020 (Ministry of Transport, Mobility and Urban Agenda) The President of Puertos del Estado, Francisco Toledo, conducted a working meeting on 21 October with Rafael Carmona and Ángel Pulido, President and Director, respectively, of the Seville Port Authority, in which they agreed on the 2020-2024 Business Plan, a period in which more than 40 million euros will be invested by the public, among which a set of investments amounting to €21.5M co-financed by European Funds CEF to improve infrastructures and digitize the Port stand out.

According to Rafael Carmona, between 2020 and 2024, the port of Seville will continue to develop the actions of its strategic plan to 2025, with the emphasis on projects connected with the waterway, digitalisation, the modernisation of quays (for example with the extension of the quay for project cargo) and the Port-City projects.

In terms of digitalisation, the President of the Port Authority highlighted the FPS II (Ferroport System) action, a project that develops an intelligent system for the management of railway traffic, thanks to which, in 2021, trains arriving and leaving the docks of the Port of Seville will operate with an intelligent operating system, increasing the safety and efficiency of operations.

For his part, Francisco Toledo congratulated the Port Authority and the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC) on the Andalusian Regional Government's Environment 2020 Award for the project "New Wetlands for Birds through Improved Navigation on the Guadalquivir."

Likewise, the President of Puertos del Estado highlighted the effort made by the Port Authority to mitigate the effect of the pandemic and valued the proposal to reduce the tax on goods and new bonuses for key traffic



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such as cereals and animal feed, biomass, and roll-on roll-off cargo and containers

During the meeting, the port of Seville was highlighted as the only inland port in Spain, and the first Andalusian port in container rail traffic connecting regularly with Madrid, Bilbao, Extremadura and Sines in Portugal.

On the other hand, the President of Puertos del Estado highlighted the boost given to the railway connection with the signing of the addendum to the Financing Agreement with ADIF for the new railway access to the port of Seville (La Salud link). The addendum will raise to €13.5M the amount to be contributed by the APS through the Financial Fund for Port Land Accessibility. The drafting of the project has already been awarded by ADIF and the works will be completed in 2023.

"For us it is essential to continue betting on multimodality and to reinforce connections by land, through direct access by train and connection with the SE-40, and by sea," stressed the President of the Seville Port Authority. "We have included in the 2021 Business Plan all the lines of action that will allow us to make the most of the advantages of having the sea in the heart of Andalusia and consolidate ourselves as a multimodal logistics platform in the south," he pointed out.