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Following the signature of the connection agreement between Adif, Puertos del Estado and the Port Authority of Cartagena

## The Escombreras dock will be connected to the railway network

- Adif and the Port Authority will establish the formula for the physical and functional connection of the railway infrastructures managed by each entity
- In parallel, work is progressing on the adaptation of the Escombreras Terminal, which is scheduled for completion in 2023

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Following authorisation from the Ministry of Transport, Mobility and Urban Agenda, the president of Adif, Ms Maria Luisa Dominguez, the president of the Port Authority of Cartagena, Ms Maria Yolanda Muñoz, and the president of Puertos del Estado, M Alvaro Rodriguez, have signed an Agreement establishing the rights and obligations of each of the parties regarding the connection of the port's existing railway infrastructures, namely the Escombreras dock and the General Interest Railway Network (RFIG), managed by Adif.

The Agreement sets out the rules for the physical and functional connection of the two networks. This will regulate the coordination between Adif and the Cartagena Port Authority in issues key to the proper functioning of the railway's last mile, such as capacity and circulation management in the railway-port complex, both for direct trains and shunting with Adif's Escombreras Freight Transport Terminal.

Pursuant to the Agreement, the Port Authority undertakes to draw up an Information document on the Railway Network explaining the characteristics of the railway infrastructure in the port facilities of the

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Escombreras dock and its access conditions. This document shall be incorporated into Adif's Network Statement.

The Agreement includes annexes such as traffic instructions and safety installations on the connection line, as well as the work plan for the railway connection including requests for access to the port by the railway companies or other applicants who have been awarded direct capacity to the port or to the Escombreras Terminal.

A Monitoring Committee, made up of representatives of the signatories, will be responsible for keeping up to date all the technical documentation necessary for the correct execution of the Agreement.

With this signature, there are now 18 Port Authorities that have concluded this type of Agreement. Railway connection agreements were included for the first time in the Railway Sector Act, at the same time that Port Authorities were assigned railway infrastructure management functions and the ports' railway networks were incorporated into the RFIG.

In parallel to the signing of this railway connection agreement, Adif continues to make progress in the execution of the adaptation works at the Escombreras Terminal, whose purpose is to allow the formation, dispatch and reception of trains of up to 750 metres, together with the signalling and protection of the special intersections of the connection branch which was already executed by the Port Authority under the Port Land Accessibility Financial Fund (FFATP), with an investment of 26.2 million euros. The works carried out by Adif are scheduled for completion in 2023 with a total investment of more than 3 million euros, which also includes FFATP funding.

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