



Puertos del Estado and the Port Authority of Tarragona agree on the 2020-2024 Business Plan

Port investments will exceed €330 million euros

- **Josep María Cruset: The strategic commitment to intermodality will be decisive for the growth of the Port of Tarragona in the coming years**

20-10-2020 (Ministry of Transport, Mobility and Urban Agenda) The president of the Puertos del Estado, Francisco Toledo, conducted a working meeting on Monday with Josep María Cruset and Ramón Ignacio García, president and director, respectively, as well as the economic-financial and human resources managers of the Tarragona Port Authority, at which they agreed on the 2020-2024 Business Plan, a period in which more than €330 million will be invested (€169 million public and €162 million private), and whose fundamental commitment in the short term is based on improving its conditions of accessibility and connectivity with the central area of the peninsula.

In the medium term, the Investment Plan follows the path marked out by the Port Authority's Infrastructure Master Plan, whose actions are being carried out in 6 phases with a total budget of over 400 million euros.

The Port Authority will update its Strategic Plan once the Strategic Framework for the Port System has been approved, which according to Francisco Toledo is expected to take place at the beginning of 2021.

In terms of intermodality, Josep María Cruset stressed that the strategic commitment to intermodality will be decisive for the growth of Port Tarragona in the coming years, in which the execution by ADIF of the Castellbisbal-Tarragona (Vilaseca) section from summer 2020 is crucial for the Port's rail connection to the Mediterranean Corridor.



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This strategic commitment is also embodied in the development of the Guadalajara Intermodal Terminal, whose solution has been agreed upon by the city council and the town council of Marchamalo and a permit to carry out earthworks has already been granted (€4 million). Finally, with regard to the accesses to the Vila-seca LAZ, the Port Authority is currently drawing up the three projects that comprise the complete solution.

The construction of the Els Prats outer sea wall (€35 million) is another important investment in Port Tarragona for the next four years. This infrastructure not only increases the Port's operational capacity but also represents an environmental improvement for the Port itself and for the neighbouring municipalities.

With regard to port traffic, the President of the Tarragona Port Authority commented that there was a change in the upward trend in the second half of the year, particularly highlighting the good development of agri-food bulk. The President of Puertos del Estado, Francisco Toledo, congratulated the Port Authority for the good assessment made by the employers' association of car manufacturers in Spain (ANFAC), in terms of new vehicle traffic, with an improvement on the previous report.