



EUROPEAN INNOVATION PROJECTS

TARRAGONA PORT AUTHORITY

A constant in the Tarragona Port Authority activity in recent years, within the framework of the **Innovation Plan of the Port of Tarragona**, has been the collaboration with other administrations, companies, ports and consultants in the search for common projects which allow for improving the competitiveness of the Port of Tarragona and the business sector, which forms part of it, both in its own port activity as for the companies within the Port Community.

The improvement of excellence and competitiveness demanded in a globalized world requires an effort to incorporate training, innovation and/or research into organizations, companies, universities and the people themselves, as fundamental elements in the development of everyday activities.

The EU has been developing an active policy to improve the competitiveness of the territories, which form part of it, and of the countries which are in its environment through the development of research and innovation policies increasingly more integrated, in order to continue along the already established path in the field of a common market for goods and services.

The **European Innovation Projects** have proved to be a good mechanism to improve competitiveness as they generate a culture of knowledge and innovation within organizations, promote internationalization, favour the boosting of companies and organizations, entail the sharing good practice, bring together the knowledge of experts in varied subjects and allow to establish a network of international and inter-sectorial collaboration. Not forgetting that within these benefits, the participation in European Innovation Projects has allowed to finance a part of fundamental Projects and to advance, in some cases, their execution.

Aware of this situation, a few years ago the **Tarragona Port Authority** began to **participate in European Innovation Projects**, which has grown and strengthened in recent years. As a result of these initiatives, the Port of Tarragona can:

- Collaborate with companies and organizations from various European countries.
- Access the development of new technologies.
- Share knowledge.
- Share risks in research, development and innovation activities.
- Finance research and innovation activities.
- Establish contacts in competitive technological environments.
- Increase competitiveness.
- Publicize the Port of Tarragona as an innovative port and improve its corporate image.

To carry out these actions, **the Management of Strategy, Quality and Innovation** and **the Department of Studies and Innovation** are responsible to:

- Encourage and facilitate the participation of the Port of Tarragona in European Innovation Projects which are of interest to the Port.
- Remain updated with the different calls of the European Programmes.
- Create partnerships of companies and organizations to facilitated participation in European Innovation Project proposals.
- Prepare, present and monitor the European Innovation Project Proposals presented by the Port of Tarragona to the different calls of the European Programmes.
- Study the viability of the European Innovation Project Proposals received by the Port Authority to participate as partners.
- Lead and manage the European Innovation Projects in which the Tarragona Port Authority participates.

The different **Directorates/Departments of the Tarragona Port Authority** also participate in the preparation of Project Proposals whose subject accords with their responsibilities and objectives. If Project Proposals are finally approved by the corresponding European Programme they also actively participate in the development of the Project.

The Tarragona Port Authority participates as leader of the **European Innovation MED-PCS Project** and as a partner or stakeholder in other Projects. During the period from the end of 2015 to the beginning of 2016, the Tarragona Port Authority participated as partner in 7 new Project Proposals, of which we are currently awaiting the results of the calls.

A brief **description of the European Innovation Projects in which the Tarragona Port Authority is participating or has participated and of the results achieved** can be found below, by clicking on the corresponding anagrams.

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