# Connecting Europe: intermodality of Trieste between smart and sustainable logistics

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Trieste: a fast-growing hub for intermodality and sustainability



HHLA PLT Italy and the critical relevance of intermodality for ports



HHLA PLT Italy as a one-stop-shop development opportunity



European railway network: a well-developed system comprising Trieste

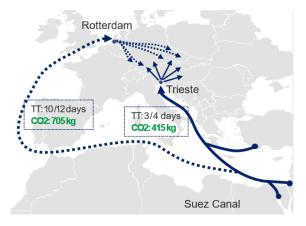


Current and future investments



# Market snapshot of the North Adriatic area

Trieste as key hub for intermodality and sustainability



#### **Gateway to CEE countries**

The region is **better positioned** to serve the Mediterranean market with Europe as well as the Far East markets compared to Northern European and Black Sea competitors.



Intermodal network

Since 2014, train traffic in Trieste

2019 the number container trains

Ro-Ro trains by +20%.

increased considerably with a 2014-2019

CAGR of 13.0%. In fact, between 2015 and

developed by +151% and the number of

The EU wants to **increase the share of rail freight** by 50% in 2030 and by 100% in

2050 compared to 2020 levels on the



#### **Fast-growing region**

The economies in Trieste's relevant hinterland in Central-East Europe are expected to **grow significantly** between in the short-term especially compared to Western European economies.

The North Adriatic offers overall more **competitive** port and terminal charges compared to Northern European ports.



#### **Expansion potential**

In the past decade, the Northern Adriatic outperformed all other port regions in increasing its container volumes.

There is an **increased need for extra container handling capacity** in the Northern Adriatic for which the HHLA PLT Italy terminal is a key candidate to facilitate this capacity expansion.

At the same time, **RoRo** segment is expected to remain a **unique and wellestablished trade** mainly between Turkey and Trieste.



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# **HHLA PLT Italy terminal in Trieste**

The only common user and multipurpose terminal in the Custom Free Port area

#### HHLA PLT Italy in the port of Trieste

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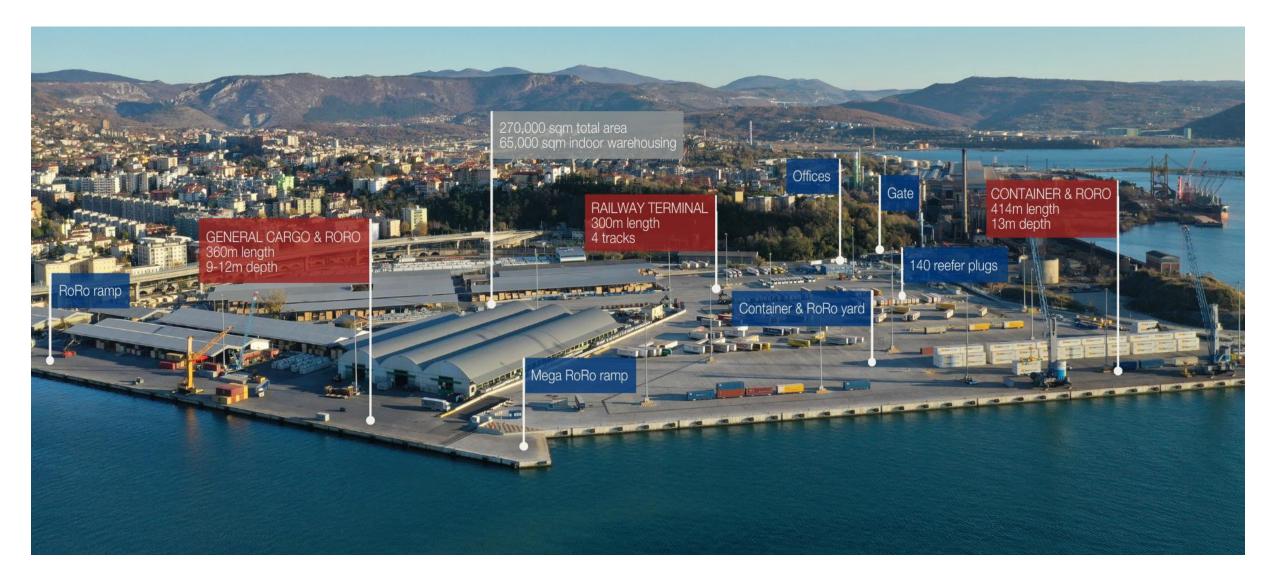
HHLA PLT Italy - Traghetti e Ro-Ro 2024

- Construction started 2014 as PPP with Port of Trieste,
- On January 7<sup>th</sup> 2021 official entry of HHLA as majority shareholder and rebranding from PLT into
  - 'HHLA PLT Italy'



- Terminal focused on:
  - General Cargo in particular aluminum, coils, timber & CFS
  - Project Cargo
  - RoRo
  - Containers
  - Rail
- Common user terminal, open for all customers

### Aerial view of the multipurpose terminal HHLA PLT Italy in the port of Trieste





# **HHLA PLT Italy**

Developing the one-stop shop concept

### **Border Inspection Point**



### Reefer



### Custom fwding / CFZ / VAT depot







### Warehousing



### Multipurpose terminal





# **Hinterland Connectivity**

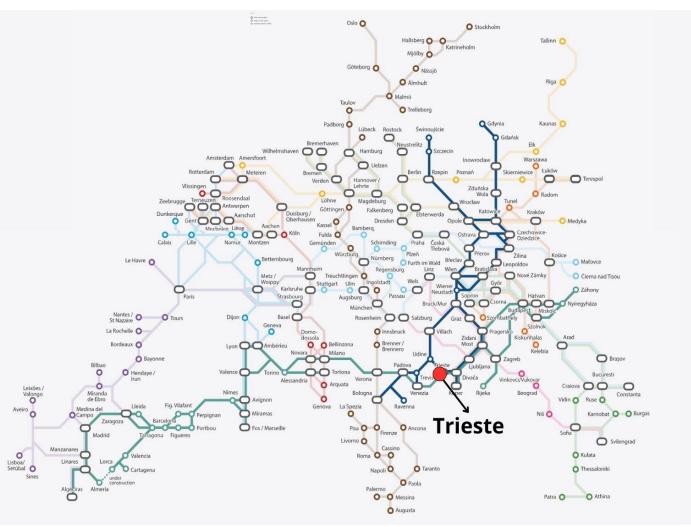
Trieste has excellent rail infrastructures and connections with the main CEE hubs

# Rail freight corridors including Trieste:

- **Baltic-Adriatic corridor** linking it with the ports of Poland and many inland terminals and destinations in between;
- Mediterranean corridor linking Northern Adriatic ports with Spain, France, Italy, Slovenia, Croatia and Hungary.

Benchmark train cost per TEU (EUR)	Rotterdam	Antwerp	Trieste	Koper
To Vienna	619	593	313	325
To Prague	530	531	420	444
To Munich	463	437	296	321
To Budapest	735	708	345	354
To Bratislava	652	626	332	344

Source: MTBS



Source: Rail Net Europe



## **Rail gateways from Trieste to Europe**



- Strategic position close to the border between Italy and Slovenia, linking towards Villach, Vienna and Budapest
- **Key link** for the Port of Trieste and inland terminals of FVG region with East-European countries





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- **Key link** connecting the Port of Trieste with important **industrial hubs** of Austria, Germany and other Central-European countries





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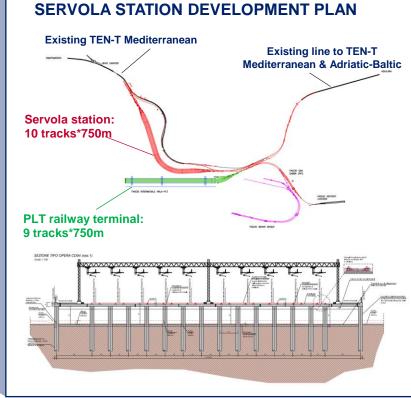




# Intermodal growth potential of HHLA PLT Italy

More than 50% of the rail capacity available for customers with ongoing significant improvements







Large reconstruction projects within the port of Trieste planned and financed, important for PLT:

- Opened direct access to Servola station freight line, with up to 10 tracks entirely dedicated to PLT to exit Trieste as an additional alternative to Campo Marzio station
- Reactivation of Aquilinia station with 8 x 750 m tracks (4 tracks in 2023 / further 4 in 2024);



# The proposed development combines an efficient container terminal with a high-capacity rail and road connection

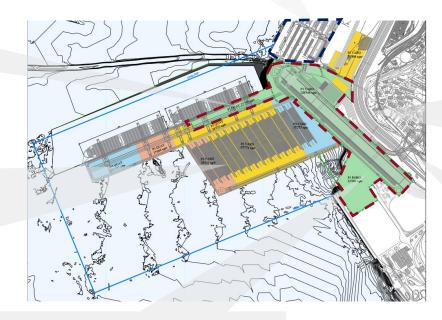
#### Extension of PLT quay/yard:

 Capable of serving simultaneously longest RoRo vessels and deep-sea container vessels in phase 1.

#### New container terminal:

- Phase 2 and beyond
- Highly automated
- Emission neutral
- Using latest technology
- Capable of serving largest container vessels
- Planned total capacity 1.6 Mio. TEU (but further expansion possible),
- Phase 1: 500k TEU.

#### **Existing PLT Terminal**



#### New rail terminal:

- Phase 1
- Up to 9 tracks at 750 m allowing handling of longest allowed trains
- Max. capacity > 40 / day = 280 trains / week

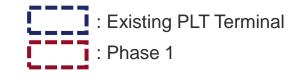
#### Public project areas:

New railway marshalling yard:

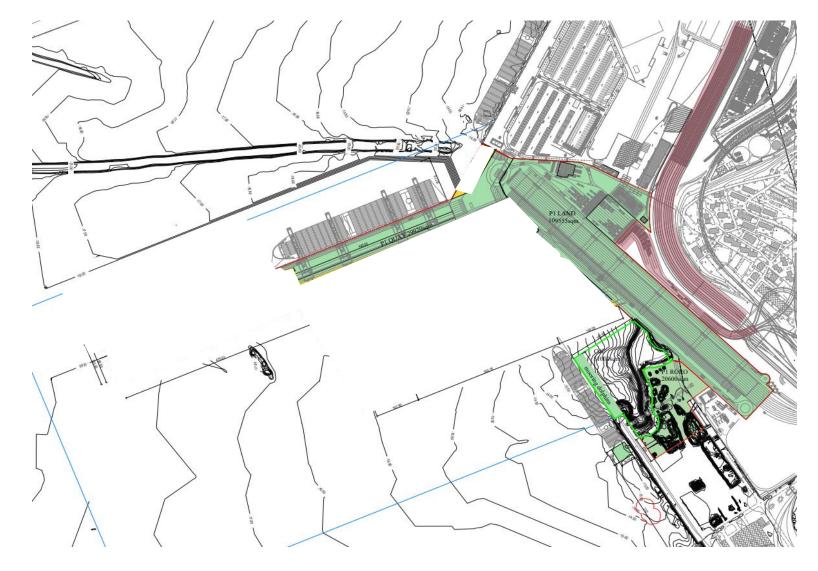
- 10 tracks dedicated to PLT terminal
- Direct connection to the national rail network with > 50% capacity available

New highway connection:

- Direct connection to highway towards Venice, Udine and Ljubljana,
- Highways around Trieste not congested.



### PLT expansion: Phase 1 ready in 2029



### **Expansion areas (green):**

- Start construction 2024
- 2 container berths including new 400m berth.
- 3 STS cranes for 24k TEU vessels + 2 MHC
- Rail terminal with >3 tracks @ 750m including 3 RMG
- 3 x RoRo Berth
- Direct terminal access from highway with automated gate

### HHLA PLT Italy the Gateway to Europe: sustainability and innovation







65% rail split (reduced CO2 emissions, fewer trucks on the road)



**Climate Neutrality.** In support of TEN-T and the Green **European Deal** 



Highest degree of service achieved with automation and innovation



**Sustainability** as a guiding value to reduce CO2 emissions to zero





700+ creation of skilled jobs





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