

# Enhancing Global Connectivity: Algeciras Port's Best Practices and Future Collaboration Prospects

The Algeciras Port Chairman Mr. Gerardo Landaluce will present his vision and best practices at the Busan International Port Conference (BIPC) in the session "*Ports: Success & Future Collaboration*" which will be focuses on identifying future collaboration opportunities between port leaders, to enhance global port operations worldwide.

Algeciras Port, strategically located in the Strait of Gibraltar, is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest port in Europe by total throughput, exceeding 100 million tons for the last eight consecutive years. It has been one of the fastest-growing ports in Europe in recent decades and during the pandemic, maintained stable traffic due to its efficiency and strategic position in global trade. Currently, amid the Red Sea Crisis, Algeciras Port acts as a key platform to stabilize disruptions in Asia-Europe flows.

Mr. Landaluce will explore the initiatives and innovative practices behind Algeciras Port's strategy:

Global Partnerships: Ports are now recognized as strategic assets for their countries, for global production-logistics chain stability and for generating new green maritime corridors for the industry. Consequently, a robust network of international collaborations is essential. Integration and cooperation with our Port Community for commercial purposes, is essential to achieve these goals.

Infrastructure Development: Significant infrastructure investments have driven Algeciras Port's growth. Mr. Landaluce will detail recent projects that expand capacity and connectivity. He will also highlight the updated role of ports as strategic energy assets for the coming decades to facilitate the transition towards a net zero energy eco-system.

Technological Advancements: Innovation drives Algeciras Port's strategy. Mr. Landaluce will explain how the port uses cutting-edge technologies both in the seaside (PMS – Port Management System) and the landside (PCS-Port Community System), including automation and digitalization, to optimize operations. These advancements have increased throughput and improved cargo handling efficiency. In 2023, Algeciras continued to be Europe's most efficient port, supported by the Container Port Performance Index (CPPI) and Standard & Poor's Global Consultants, ranking it as the number 10 performer worldwide.

Sustainable Development, the Green Strategy: Algeciras Port and its Port Community are committed to environmental sustainability. Mr. Landaluce will discuss the port's integration of green technologies and eco-friendly practices, which have significantly reduced its carbon footprint while enhancing operational efficiency. This balance of economic growth and environmental responsibility, with the collaboration of port stakeholders, could serve as a model.

In conclusion, Mr. Landaluce presentation will underline Algeciras Port's achievements and its proactive approach to international cooperation. The port's evolution story reflects its strategic vision and operational excellence and invites other ports to collaborate for mutual growth and prosperity in the maritime trade sector to face future common challenges.