

PRESS RELEASE

Asturias will be the Autonomous Government guest of SIL 2010

- The twelfth edition of Salon International of logistics and maintenance, to take place 25th – 28th May 2010 in Fira de Barcelona with the participation of a large number of Asturian institutions.
- The Musel, the principle port for transporting dry produce daily to France and UK, will be one of the many incentives that will be presented in the principality of Asturias in SIL 2010.

Barcelona, 17 March 2010. International Logistics and Material Handling Exhibition (SIL), which will be held 25th to 28th May 2010 in the neighbourhood of Gran Via at Fira De Barcelona with the participation of Asturias as an autonomous government guest of the twelfth edition. The centrality of Asturias in the Cantabrian coast, in the south Atlantic arch, presents this community with a clear opportunity for business with companies that carry out importation and exportation activities. In this way the SIL will take place for the first time with a self governing guest that will share support with France as the invited country of SIL 2010.

The SIL 2010 will count on the participation of numerous Asturian companies and institutions which will present their products, services and real possibilities of business to all those present. Within this participation will emphasize the port of Gijon, known as El Musel, national leader of the transportation of dry produce. El Musel has daily commercial routes with France and UK and is the key piece in the economic and industrial development of the region. The port of Gijon is called to broaden the link with the central regions and in particular also as a natural exit of numerous Castilian and Leon companies. Tourism employs 65% of the population in the principality of Asturias while the steel industry, the food industry, arms industry, chemical industry and transport teams make up 30%. The livestock, vaccine, agriculture and fishing take up 6% of the working population.

Owing to the railway, Asturias count as an important network of services to the companies on the outskirts who lend their services in the principality, RENFE and

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FEVE and regional services and long distance with Ferrol, Santander, Leon, Madrid, Alicante and Barcelona. A link road is currently being built, a rail link is also being sought after that will allow access with Madrid and the rest of Spain.

NOTE TO THE EDITOR

The **International Logistics and Material Handling Exhibition (SIL)** is the meeting place for all logistics activity in Southern Europe, the heart of the Mediterranean, especially the countries of the Maghreb, Iberoamerica and Southeast Asia.

After eleven years, SIL has become the major logistics and transport trade show in Spain and the Mediterranean Arc and the second in Europe.

SIL 2009 resisted the difficult economic times with 45% participation from international companies and turnover estimated at **2.100 million euros**. At its last edition, logistics executives were able to enjoy a great versatile Exhibition: the quality of the events, the exhibitors, the International Symposium SIL, the Mediterranean Logistics and Transport Forum and the technical conferences consolidated SIL on the international trade show calendar as the top Logistics Trade Show in Southern Europe and the Mediterranean Arc.

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