

PRESS RELEASE

Lebanon will be the guest country for The 8th Mediterranean Logistics and Transport Forum

- Organized by Consorci of Zona Franca and the Barcelona Chamber of Commerce in collaboration with ASCAME to take place 25th to 28th as part of SIL 2010.
- The 8th edition will count on the participation of key international organizations in the design of global politics in Mediterranean logistics and transport.

Barcelona 25th February 2010. The **International Logistics and maintenance Show (SIL)** that will be held between **25th and 28th May 2010** at Fira de Barcelona Gran Via, will mark a year of celebration of the **8th forum of Mediterranean Transport and Logistics**. Organized by Consorci Zona Franca and the Barcelona Chamber of Commerce with the collaboration of Mediterranean Association Of Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The 8th edition will have Lebanon as the guest country.

After 7 years of the **Mediterranean Transport and Logistics Forum** has been established as the annual platform with regard to matters of interest of new politics in the transport and logistics sector in the Mediterranean. The 8th edition will take place 25th and 26th May 2010 to mark **SIL** to deal with questions to give impetus to the Euro Mediterranean and its integration through the Union Of the Mediterranean and the importance of the logistics and transport sector as economic pillars and determining factors of the integration and the only Mediterranean maritime market union.

The Mediterranean Forum of Logistics and Transport will begin 25th May presided over by **Enrique Lacalle** president of the organizing committee of SIL 2010 **Miquel Valls**, president of the Barcelona Chamber of Commerce and **Murat Yalcintas**, president of ASCAME. After, the first session will be opened under the title of "Changing times" which will deal with among other questions if the

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infrastructure can in the modern world can answer the overall needs of transport what with the changes that have taken place with the economic integration of the Euro Mediterranean region or what role private initiatives will play in the current environment.

The first day of the **Mediterranean logistics and transport forum** will conclude with a special session dedicated to Lebanon. As Lebanon has positioned itself as a significant gateway to Mediterranean countries, thanks to ambitious construction plans to privatise the major transport infrastructure, have strengthened its commercial relationship with Spain.

3RD MEDITERRANEAN PORT SUMMIT

The **Mediterranean transport and logistics forum** will have recourse to the third Mediterranean Port Summit Wednesday 26th May. This third edition will be titled "The future of ports and Mediterranean maritime sector". Among the ideas that will be dealt with emphasis will be put on construction, expansion and modernization of port authority, institutional and fiscal reform, the search for collaboration and management systems, the promotion of alliances to maintain the position of world leaders and response to the demand of 800 million people.

Within the **Mediterranean Transport and Logistics forum**, to be held 25th to 26th May to mark **SIL 2010** will be a series of meetings with business leaders who can put you in touch with different businesses to promote business contacts.

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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