

SIMPYC

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Interesting aspects:

- LIFE Project.
- Leader: Valencia Port Authority.
- Total budget: 1,720,049 euros.
- Community contribution 830,026 euros.
- Length: 42 months August 2004 - January 2008

SIMPYC

A System for Port-City Environmental Integration



Valencia (ES)

Ports have always been important clusters of industrial and logistical operators that have brought wealth and prosperity to their cities. In a similar way, cities have benefited their port communities by providing the means and services that have helped ports to adapt to market demands.

Cities and ports are two parts of the same whole that cohabitate the same space that should grow and develop in harmony.

The result of this cohabitation is city-port area of interaction. This interface is vulnerable as it is where the port users and the city converge. As a result, this area requires special care and attention to ensure a healthier environment and a better quality of life.

Coastal cities have developed a special relationship with the sea which has provided those with goods and services as well as a means of exchange with other societies leading to cultural wealth. Port cities must be integrated in their environment and ensure that sustainable urban development takes place according to the economic prosperity generated by port operations. Local and ports administration must get coordinated and implement a joint management and follow-up of the environmental aspects arising along the port-city inter-

SIMPYC project aims at finding solutions to some of the problems arising from port-city relations by coordinating the actions between ports and city councils. This project has been carried out in three European cities with industrial and commercial ports: Valencia (Spain), Toulon (France) and Livorno (Italy). The project also aims at providing solutions to the environmental management of fishing and leisure ports located in small municipalities. In this view, SIMPYC aims at establishing an implementation standard for environmental management systems in this ports in order to integrate an environmental management. The fishing and leisure ports of Denia and Villajoyosa (Alicante, Spain) participate as pilot ports in this field of the project.

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SIMPYC project is led by the Valencia Port Authority with the collaboration of FEPORTS. The other partners are: Fundación Comunidad Valenciana - Región Europea, Public Organism Puertos del Estado, Valencian Ministry for Infrastructures and Transport, Valencia City Council, University of Valencia, Livorno City Council, Livorno Port Authority, Chamber of Commerce and of Industry of Var, Community of Agglomeration of Toulon Provence Méditerranée and Azahar Engineering.



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Toulon (FR)



LIFE Programme

Launched in 1992, LIFE (the Financial Instrument for the Environment) was one of the spearheads of Community environmental policy. This programme cofinanced environmental initiatives in the European Union and certain third countries bordering on the Mediterranean and the Baltic Sea, and in those EU candidate countries that have decided to participate.

LIFE contributed to the implementa-

tion, development and enhancement of the Community environmental policy and legislation as well as the integration of the environment into other EU policies. LIFE also supported the development of new solutions to environmental problems facing the EU. LIFE worked towards the implementation of Community policy defined by the Sixth Action Programme for the Environment based on a practical approach.

Open to all natural and legal persons, projects financed by LIFE must meet the following general criteria:

- correspond to the priorities established at Community level;
- be submitted by technically and financially sound participants;
- be feasible in terms of technical content, timetable and budget and offer good value for money.



Simpyc: objectives and expected results

Objectives:

The main objectives targeted by the Simpyc project are the following:

- To coordinate environmental management processes implemented in urban and port environments as well as coordination between administrations.
- To carry out joint initiatives to monitor the environment in the port-city interface, paying particular attention to monitoring air pollution and to the study of the impact of land development.

- To prove the socioeconomic significance of ports and their role in the environmental conservation.
- To raise awareness among the general public on the importance of the coastal environment and the need for its preservation.

Expected results:

By the end of the project in August 2007, the partners expect to have reached the following results:

- An Environmental Programme which is the result of a coordinated effort on the part of ports and city halls.

- The creation of integrated systems for monitoring air and noise pollution among others.
- An Indicator System managed through the aid of a balanced scorecard allowing implemented actions to be assessed and monitored.
- An awareness campaign for the general public particularly geared towards the very young.
- A public participation campaign via stakeholders meetings, debate forums, questionnaires...
- An international meeting on port-city relations.

Leader: Valencia Port Authority



Valencia Port Authority is the leader of Simpyc project, a project about environmental integration between port and city.

Valencia Port Authority comprises the ports managed by the Valencia Port Authority: Valencia, Sagunto and Gandía. This strong combination makes it Spain's leading Mediterranean port in terms of commercial traffic, basically containerised cargo, particularly because of its dynamic area of influence and an extensive network connecting it to major ports around the world.

The Port of Valencia is currently developing an strategy of integration in the city, specially with the celebration of the America's Cup, an event that is encouraging people to approach to port installations.



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Simpyc partnership



Puertos del Estado

This Institution dependant of the State coordinates the Spanish port system. It manages the relations among the 28 Spanish Port Authorities, that incluye 53 nacional ports.

Conselleria de Infraestructuras y Transporte

Valencian Regional Government coordinates the management of the 35 regional ports through its Regional Ministry for Infrastructures and Transport.

Fundación Comunidad Valenciana — Región Europea

This foundation is a non-profit organization that strenghtens the participation of the Valencian Region in the European Union's policies and actions. It also promotes a better knowledge of these actions and policies.

Azahar Ingeniería

This company has a wide experience in web design and communication tools.

Valencia City Council

Valencia City Council is developing an approaching strategy to promote port-city integration. The city is taking profit of the celebration of the America's Cup to aware the general public of the importance of the port.

Universitat de València Estudi General

This public university has a strong commitment with research and innovation, especially if applied to local development.

SECRETARYSHIP

FEPORIS

FEPORIS is the portuary institute for studies and cooperation of Valencian region. Valencian Government and Port Authorities of Castellón, Valencia and Alicantejoin this Institution with investigation objectives. Feports has been selected by Simpyc partners to assume the secretaryship of Simpyc, due to their large experience in European projects.

Livorno City Council

This Italian city situated in the Tuscany region is aware of the importance of improving the port-city relationship.

Livorno Port Authority

Livorno is a major port of the Mediterranean sea and represents an important economic gear for the city and the region.

Communauté d' Agglomération Toulon Provence Méditerranée

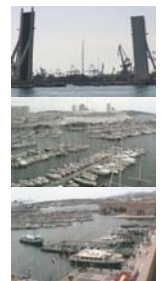
This community situated in the South of France has developed a close relation with the port and the sea.

Var Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Located in the heart of the PACA region, in the South of France, Var represents a natural way out to the Mediterranean sea for Northen Europe. Var Chamber of Commerce is aware of the key role of the ports in the development of the region.



Livorno (IT)





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Simpyc: actions

Task 1: Analyze of the current situation.

To be aware of the state of the environment in order to establish the main lines of action in environmental management.

Task 2: Design and implementation of an environmental action plan in comercial ports.

To develop tools that will allow actions aimed at improving the local environment to be carried out in a consistent and sustainable manner thus contributing towards a more harmonic coexistence between the port and the city in practical and environmental terms.

Task 3: Design and implementation of a monitoring programme in industrial-commercial ports.

Development of a system of environmental indicators to allow port-city relations to be monitored from an environmental perspective as well as actions implemented via the Action Plan determined in task 2.

Task 4: Environmental action plan for small comercial fishing and/or leisure ports

To develop a tool for the environmental management of small commercial fishing and/or leisure ports based on the EMAS regulation and in síntesis with the principles of Agenda 21.

Task 5: Design and implementation of a social awareness and participation programme

To create awareness among the general public in order to guarantee that innovative solutions for dealing with the problems will be into practice within the framework of the Citizens-Administration-Port consensus.



*2nd technical meeting.
Livorno, 19th January 2006*

Task 6: Dissemination of the project

To spread the project at a national and internacional level in each participating municipality and the rest of Europe.

Task 7: Project management coordination

Management and coordination of all the tasks required for carrying out the Project properly according to the objectives proposed.

KICK OFF MEETING & 1ST MANAGING MEETING

Simpyc Project was launched the 30th of November of 2004 in Valencia. Representatives from all the partners presented their strategic plans to develop their respective tasks.

1ST TECHNICAL MEETING

The first technical meeting of the project took place on the 17th of January of 2005 in Valencia (ES). Its main objective was to establish a draft outline to elaborate an environmental diagnose of ports and cities.



A calendar of actions was fixed in order to fix the deadlines for the different tasks.

2ND TECHNICAL & MANAGEMENT MEETING

The second technical meeting of the SimpYC Project was held in Livorno (IT) on 19th and 20th of January 2006. The aim of this meeting was to review the current state of the project and to determine the next steps for the following months. A new calendar of actions was fixed. The financial aspects of the project were also discussed by the partners.

INFODAY

On the 20th of January of 2006, the project was presented to the general public and media representatives in Livorno. The presentation was attended by the Mayor of Livorno and the Councillor for Relations with the University, along with Ms Sonia Filippi, Environmental Representative for Livorno City Hall, who gave a presentation of the project. Representatives from the ports and city halls of the three cities involved in the project made a presentation of their respective ports and cities.