

Ports de la Generalitat will invest 28 m euros in development in 2008

Ports de la Generalitat foresees an investment of 28 million euros in development that will take place in ports in Gerona, Barcelona and Tarragona during 2008, with an increase of 79.5% with respect to investments during 2007. This Development Plan is included in the Ports de la Generalitat 2008 budget Draft, approved by the company's Governing Board.

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The Ports de la Generalitat 2008 Budget Draft approved by the Governing Board sets out the funds destined to the 2008 Development Plan, which will involve an investment of 28 m euros, an increase of 79.5% with respect to the investment carried out in development in 2007. These 28 m euros will be destined to several projects to be carried out at the three port areas: Zona Portuària Nord (21.3 m euros); Zona Portuària Centre (1.3 m euros) and Zona Portuària Sud (2.8 m euros). A further 2 m euros will be invested on the implementation of good environmental practice in fish markets.

Objectives 2008

The 2008 Ports de la Generalitat Development Plan has the following objectives:

- Modernization and improvement of port infrastructures and installations in order to meet the demands of the port sector.
- The promotion of commercial ports to capture new traffic, and the consolidation of the port of Palamós as a port of call for cruise ships.
- Activation of port activity, promoting the commercial, industrial, fishing, sports, cultural and tourist sectors.
- Maintenance of ecological sustainability, achieving energy efficiency.
- Compliance with new needs in security.

In order to achieve these objectives, a series of activities will take place: the preparing of special Plans for ports; the use of public areas at ports for commercial and industrial activities; commercial activity to capture new traffic and maintain the current traffic; improvement in the fish trading systems and fishing docks;

optimization of sports wharfs; installation of new green garbage collection points; improvement in service networks and carrying out of energy audits.

Developments involving large investments in 2008

Sea wall (Blanes): the construction of an exterior sea wall at Blanes which will improve the functions and shelter condition of the port. This new sea wall, which will be built at a cost of 22 m euros (annuity 2008: 15 m euros), will permit the restructuring of the port area and development in activities that are currently carried out at the port.

Logistics area (Vilanova): at the port of Vilanova i la Geltrú an extension of the commercial sector and the remodelling of the sea wall will take place in order to create a future area of logistic activities for port support. This development is foreseen in the special Plan for the port, passed in summer 2007, and for which an investment of 12.3 m euros is foreseen (annuity 2008: 557,760 euros). This project is currently being written up.

- **New breakwater (Llançà):** the project to reinforce the sea wall of the port of Llançà foresees the construction of a new breakwater. This construction work will involve an investment of 4.7 m euros (annuity 2008: 3.1 m euros). The new infrastructure will improve the protection of the sea wall and optimize the installation in order to promote fishing, nautical sports and tourist activities of the port.
- **Adaptation of fish markets:** Ports de la Generalitat foresees an investment of 3.8 m euros (annuity 2008: 2 m euros) for the implementation of good environmental practice in fish markets. The ports affected by the remodelling of the fish markets will be: el Port de la Selva, Llançà, l'Escala, Palamós, Blanes, Arenys de Mar, l'Ametlla de Mar, Sant Carles de la Ràpita and les Cases d'Alcanar.
- **Development of public sailing area (Sant Feliu de Guíxols):** with the aim of restructuring the public sailing area of the Sant Feliu de Guíxols port, its surrounding area will be developed. This work will be carried out with a budget of 800,000 euros (annuity 2008: 350,000 euros).
- **Construction fish market (Deltebre):** in 2008 a fish market will be built at the Deltebre port. This will be carried out at an investment of 450,000 euros.

Ports de la Generalitat

Ports de la Generalitat is a public company, created in 1998, which directs, plans and manages the non-concessionary fishing, sports and commercial ports. The

structure of the company includes Management and two governing bodies formed by an Executive Committee and a Governing Council. The ports managed by Ports de la Generalitat are organized into three port areas: Zona Portuària Nord (Gerona), Zona Portuària Centre (Barcelona) and Zona Portuària Sud (Tarragona).

Ports de la Generalitat currently manages the following installations: at Zona Nord: the ports of Llançà, el port de la Selva, Roses, l'Escala, l'Estartit, Palamós, Sant Feliu de Guíxols and Blanes; at Zona Centre the ports of Arenys de Mar, Garraf, Vilanova i la Geltrú and the industrial port of Vallcarca, as well as the fishing docks of Mataró, el Masnou and Torredembarra; at Zona Sud: the ports of Cambrils, l'Ametlla de Mar, l'Ampolla, Deltebre, Sant Carles de la Ràpita, les Cases d'Alcanar, and the industrial port of Alcanar, as well as the wharfs of Tortosa, Deltebre, Sant Jaume d'Enveja and Amposta.

Ports de Catalunya Development Plan

The government of Catalonia approved during this legislature the Ports Plan 2006-2015. This Plan lays down the guidelines for achieving a territorial re-balance, activating the economy and conserving the natural wealth of the Catalan coastline. Thus, the Ports Plan prioritizes the extension to existing ports, the optimizing of the available space and the integration of the port and city, with the passing of the special port plans.

Within the framework of the Ports Plan, Ports de la Generalitat must develop new infrastructures, as well as implement the maintenance and conservation programme for already existing infrastructures. In parallel, it must comply with the new social, environmental and safety needs.

Ports de la Generalitat – Investment plans 2008

Port	Work to be carried out	Cost €
El Port de la Selva	Remodelling of services network	300,000
Llançà	Breakwater (*)	3,101,542
Roses	Development of Ribera wharf	300,000
	Recovery of fishing wharf	300,000
L'Escala	Modernization of services network (*)	300,000
	Renovation of jetty public sailing area	350,000
	Renovation of electrical network	100,000
L'Estartit	Improvement to sea wall central wharf (*)	200,000
Palamós	Renovation electrical network	300,000
Sant Feliu de Guíxols	Development of public sailing area (*)	350,000
	Development of accesses to fishing docks and Club Nàutic (*)	100,000
	Renovation electrical network	300,000
Blanes	New sea wall (*)	15,000,000
	Renovation in illumination	300,000
Zona Portuària Nord		21,301,542
Arenys de Mar	Modifications to fishing installations	400,000
Vilanova i la Geltrú	Restructuring of fishing fleet	300,000
	Extension to logistics area (*)	557,760
Zona Portuària Centre		1,257,760
Les Cases d'Alcanar St. Carles de la Ràpita	Enlargement of fishing jetty (*)	200,000
	Path over the sea wall (*)	100,000
	New square at tourist wharf Interior wharf	200,000
	Alfacs (*)	300,000
	New supplies network	400,000
L'Ampolla	Enlargement of eastern side of sea wall (*)	100,000
	Improvement in efficiency of services (*)	300,000
L'Ametlla de Mar	Wooden jetty in dock area	100,000
Cambrils	Protection of sea embankment (*)	100,000
	Dredging	400,000
	Extension to fishing wharf (*)	100,000
Deltebre	Construction of fish market	450,000
Docks river Ebre	Improvement to accesses (*)	100,000
Zona Portuària Sud		2,850,000
Not to be territorialized	Adaptation of fish markets to good environmental practice (*)	2,000,000
	Other investments	588,929
Total investment	(VAT included)	27,998,231

(*) Pluriannual investments (Amount belonging to annuity 2008) Barcelona, 22nd November 2007