

## **INTERMODAL TERMINAL AND LOGISTICS AREA**

# **ZAL MURCIA**

The global project for in Intermodal Terminal and Logistics Area (Spanish acronym: *ZAL*) of Murcia includes the analyses, projects and construction works required to develop a strategic supra-regional Intermodal Railway Logistics Platform in Murcia.

This Platform is intended to favor the integration and interconnection of all forms of transport, the elimination of existing railway installation bottlenecks, as well as the reinforcement of logistical development and intermodal services in the Region.

This project establishes the need for territorial structure platform insertion through Territorial Action Program development. This is ensured by implementing projects and a Special Plan which favor the construction of infrastructures connecting to urban service and communication networks, the development of the intermodal terminal and the urbanization of *ZAL*.

The Territorial Action Program also includes the implementation of the Agrofood Industrial Complex (*MEDFOOD*) in lots of land adjacent to *ZAL*. By combining both projects into a single Action Program, infrastructure investments are made compatible and shared and urban initiatives are coordinated according to Murcia's General Planning expectations.

The implementation of an Intermodal Logistics Platform in the logistics hub of Murcia is considered a priority for the Trans-European Transport Network (*TEN-T*). It is also included in the Mediterranean Corridor, with a work plan approved on July 2015 that includes the execution of the first Logistics Platform phase before 2020 and financial aid from the Connecting Europe Facility (*CEF*) in order to carry it out.

The European Commission, through the Innovation and Networks Executive Agency (*INEA*), selected in June 2015 the request put forward by the Region of Murcia in the first call of *CEF-Transport 2014*. This proposal referred to the initiative "Preparation of the studies and project needed to develop an intermodal terminal and logistics area for integration of road and railway freight transport (*ZAL MURCIA*)", n° 2014-ES-TM-0253-S. A total of 50% of eligible costs were subsidized.

On November 27, 2015, funding agreement number *INEA/CEF/TRAN/M2014/1052097* was signed between the Murcia Region Government and *INEA* for a total of €970,450. This amount was 50% of the total project cost (*VAT* excluded), including the action program for the 2015-2020 period, in accordance with agreement deadlines and milestones.

The preparation of these studies and projects allows the request of subsidies for development of works and installations associated to Murcia's *ZAL* and Intermodal Terminal in upcoming *CEF-Transport* calls. This initiative, included within the multi-annual financial framework (2014-2020), is in line with the specifications of the Mediterranean Corridor Work Plan.