

## Marseilles Fos leads Turkey trade mission

The Marseille Europort promotional group – combining the Marseilles Fos port authority, shipowners and the chamber of commerce – has completed a three-day trade mission in key market Turkey.

The country ranks among the leading French cargo port's biggest trade partners – fifth overall, fifth for ro-ro traffic and sixth for containers. Last year's volumes included some 100,000 new export vehicles from Turkey and more than 0.8 million tonnes of general cargo.

Led by port CEO Jean-Claude Terrier – recently elected president of the association – the delegation held meetings with leading forwarders and shipowners as well as hosting major customer receptions in the main maritime hubs Istanbul and Izmir.

## Marseilles sea wall under repair

Work has started on a five-year, EUR20 million project to renovate the sea wall protecting the Marseilles eastern harbour, with repairs to the first 50-metre section now complete.

Due for completion by late 2013, the work is being carried out on the most exposed 2km-long central section of the wall, which was built between 1844 and 1970. More than 150,00 tonnes of rock and reinforced concrete blocks are being used in the operation, which will ensure the wall's integrity for around 20 years.

An underwater layer of rocks, each weighing from one to six tonnes, will be covered by a second layer of rocks weighing from eight to 12 tonnes and 55-tonne concrete blocks protecting the base of the wall.

Local contractor Jean Negri has positioned a landside crane and floating barge on-site and is using two carriers to transport the rock from nearby Martigues.

*For port images, see Espace presse/Phototheque at [www.marseille-port.fr](http://www.marseille-port.fr)*

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