

JTF.08.989: Provision of High and Low Voltage On-shore Power Shore Supply in the South Harbour Region of the Grand Harbour

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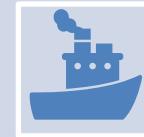




Onshore Power Supply (OPS)



Allows ships at port to turn off onboard fossil fuelled engines and draw power from shore side electrical grid



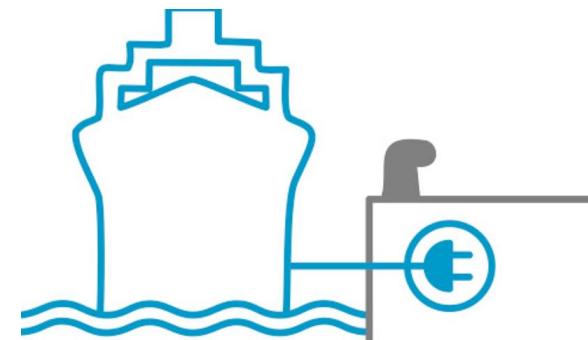
By plugging into shore power, ships reduce emissions, noise and vibration in port areas



OPS systems are based on technical standards for safety and compatibility



Ongoing technical innovation





Why is OPS Important in the EU?



Environment:

Fossil fuel powered ships are a significant source of emissions

OPS practically eliminates ship emissions in port

Carbon footprint significantly reduced through use of electricity



Health:

Reduced NOx, SOx, particulate matter and noise in port

Cleaner air important for ports such as Valletta surrounded by cities



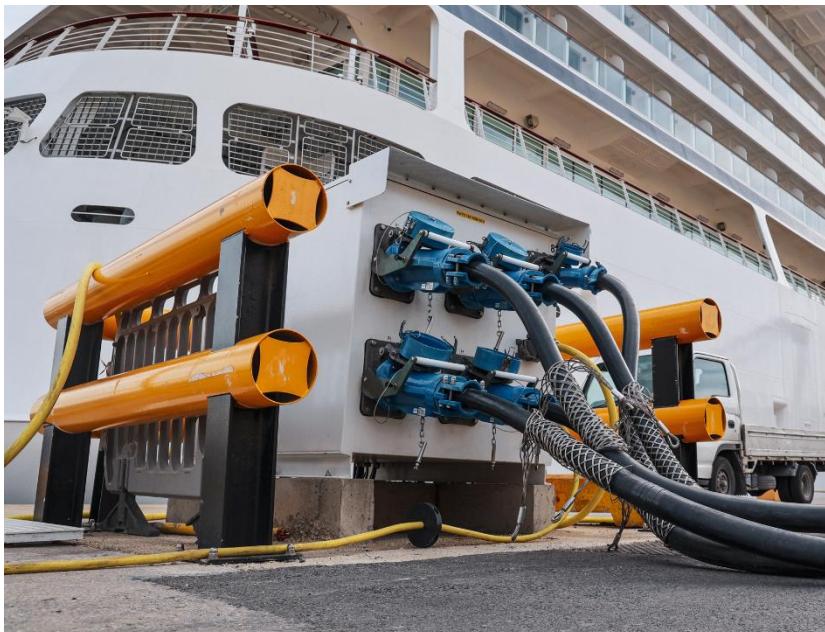
Regulatory:

Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Directive (AFID) 2014/94/EU

FuelEU and AFIR: 2030 target for Cruise, Container and RoRo ships



PORT OF VALLETTA OPS PROJECTS



- **OPS North Harbour Region and Boiler Wharf**
- Target ships: Cruise Liners in operation
- Implementation: 2020-2024
- Operational
- Co-financed through Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)

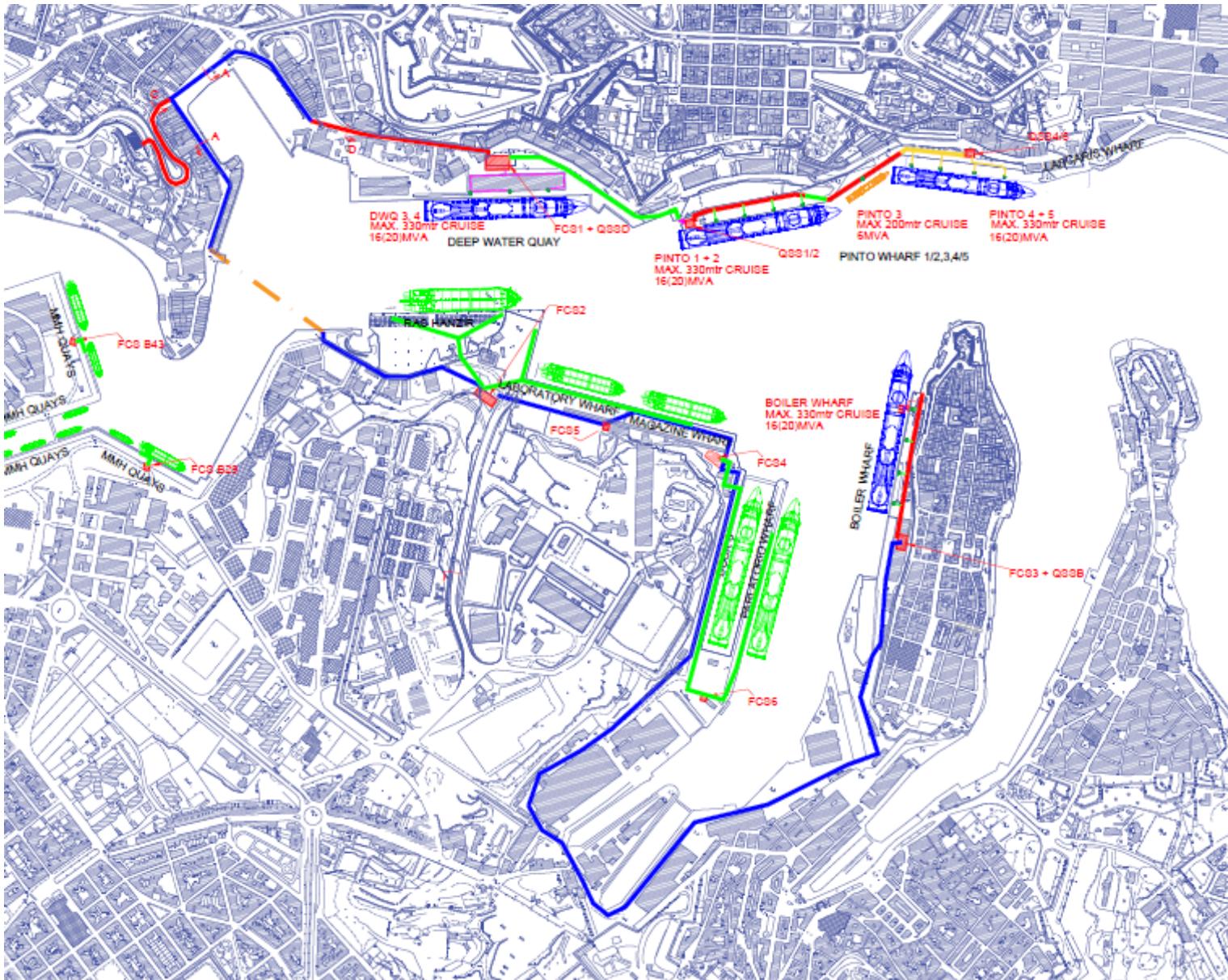
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- **OPS South Harbour Region**
- Target ships: RoRo and General Ships (Operational)
- Cruise, Container and General Ships (in Dock)
- Envisaged Completion: 2026
- In-progress
- Co-financed through Just Transition Facility (JTF), CEF and national funding





PORT OF VALLETTA OPS SYSTEM





HOW OPS WORKS



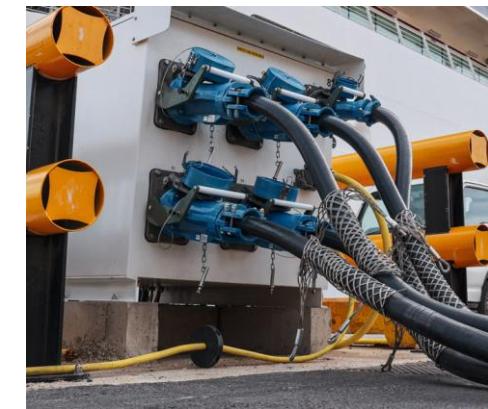
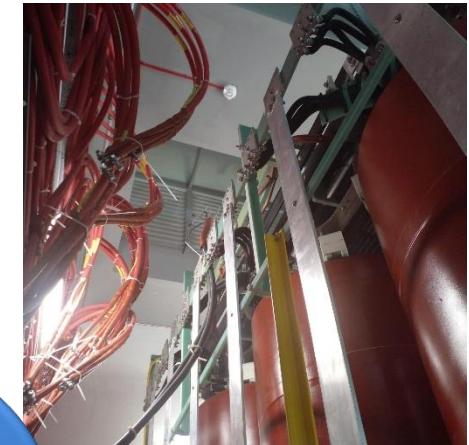
Shore to Ship
Communication
Link Validation
Checks and Power
Transfer Sequence



Grid Operator
Clearance
Incoming Power
Transformation &
Frequency
Conversion

Switching
Selectable Output
Voltage & Power
to Quay &
Connection point

Cable
Management
Equipment to
Connect Cable(s)
to Ship



BUDGET – SOUTH HARBOUR PROJECT

€43.66m total budget funded as follows:

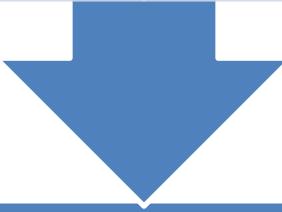
€23.39m through JTF Grant plus

€5.25m through National Funds

Civil works and equipment at Palumbo & MMH

€15.0m through CEF Grant

Equipment at Ras Hanzir, Magazine and Laboratory Wharves



Clear demarcation both financially and in terms of physical works

PROJECT OBJECTIVES & DELIVERABLES



Target ships:

Ro-Ro

Container

General Cargo

Cruise



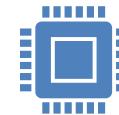
Quays: 8

Ras Hanzir

Laboratory &
Magazine wharves

MMH Quay 2,
Quay 5 and Dock
No. 7

Palumbo Parlatorio
Wharf & Dock No. 6



**Buildings: 4 Frequency
Control Stations & 2
Switch Rooms**

Ras Hanzir Lab &
Magazine Wharves :
FCS2 and FCS5

Palumbo: FCS4 and
FCS6

MMH: FCS B29 and FCS
B43

PROJECT OBJECTIVES & DELIVERABLES



Power Delivery to Ships 36 MVA

7 at Palumbo (through JTF)

17 at MMH (through JTF)



Connections Points 3 at Ras Hanzir (through CEF)

3 at Laboratory Wharf (through CEF)

3 at Magazine Wharf (through CEF)



Cable management Mobile & fixed cable connections



PROJECT WORKS BEING CARRIED OUT



Design



Equipment selection and ordering



New frequency converter buildings' construction



Existing building restoration and re-purposing



Earthing of buildings



Rock Stabilisation



Underground cable infrastructure duck banks



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FREQUENCY CONVERTER BUILDINGS



FSC6



FSC2



FSC4



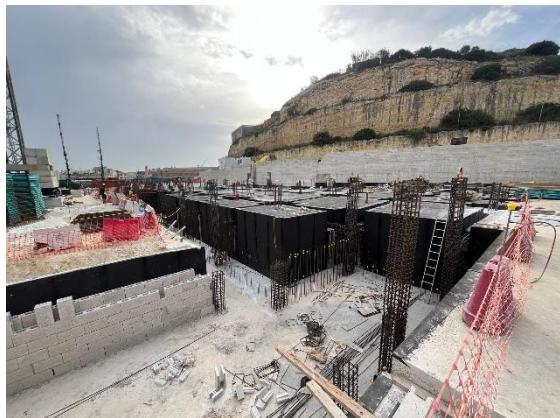
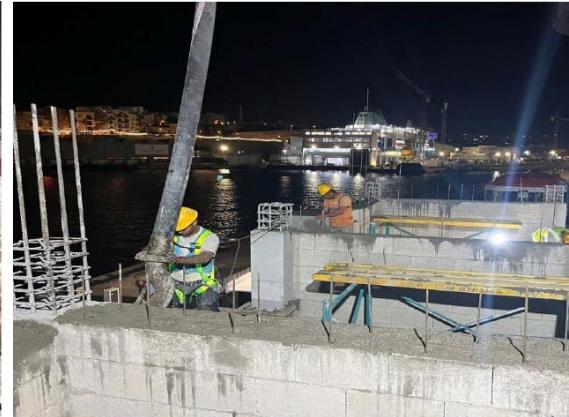
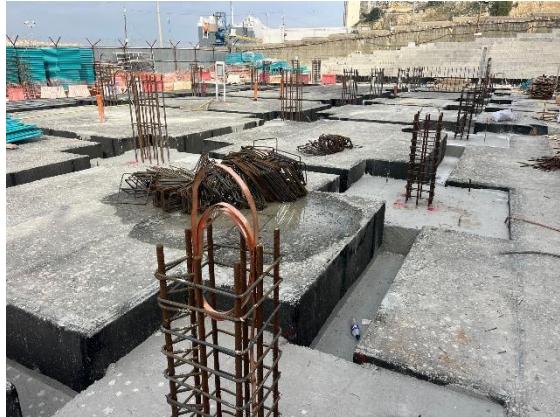
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NEW BUILDING WORKS





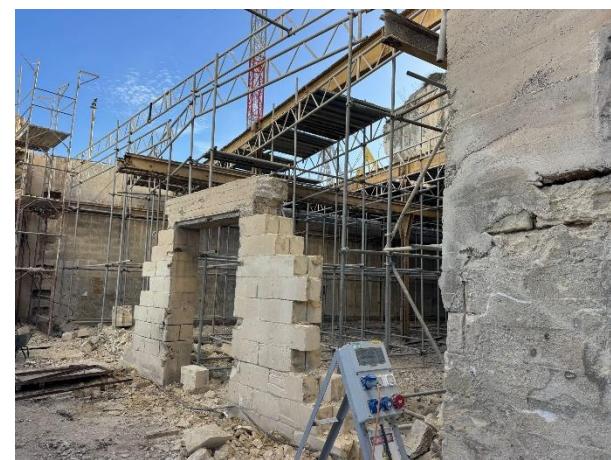
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ROCK STABILISATION & RESTORATION WORKS





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UNDERGROUND INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS





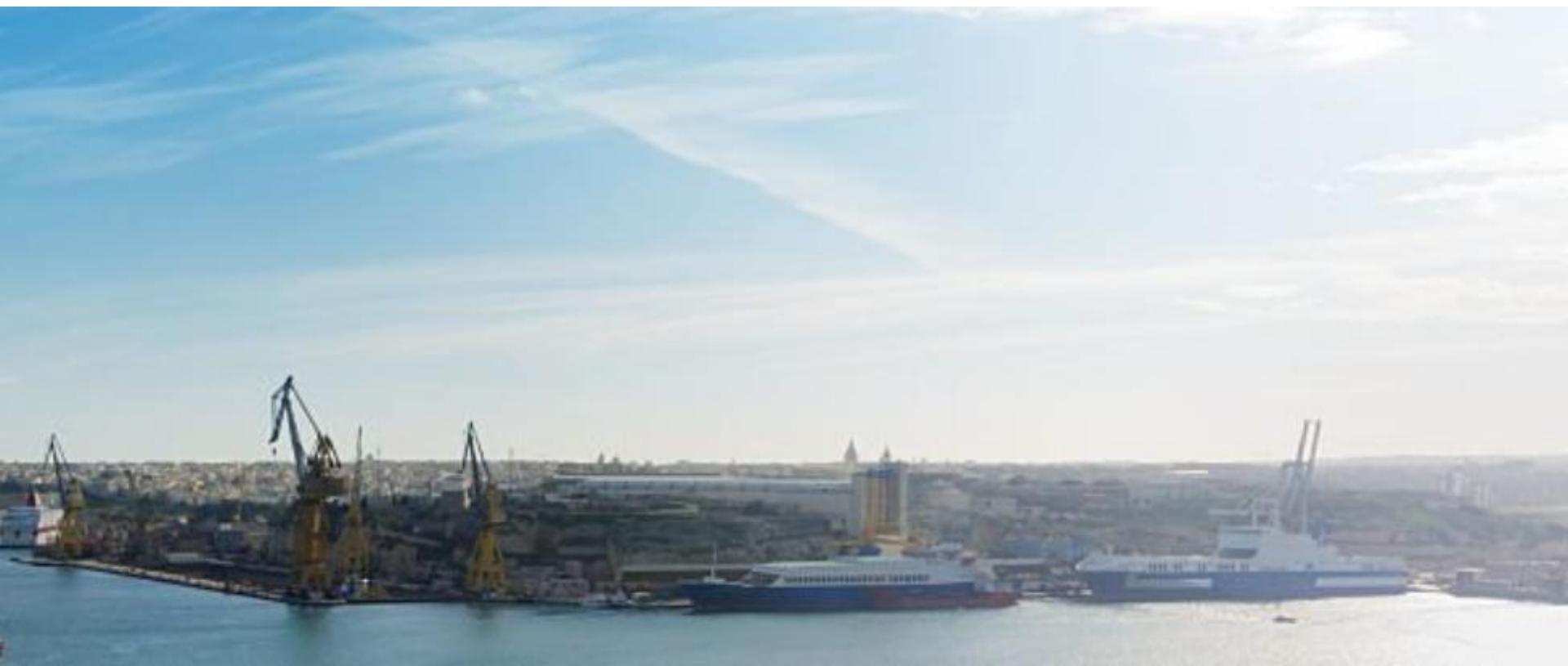
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QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS



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