

Gulfstream.MOS



Quick info

Organizations
 Brittany Ferries
 Port of Bilbao
 Port of Santander
 Portsmouth Port

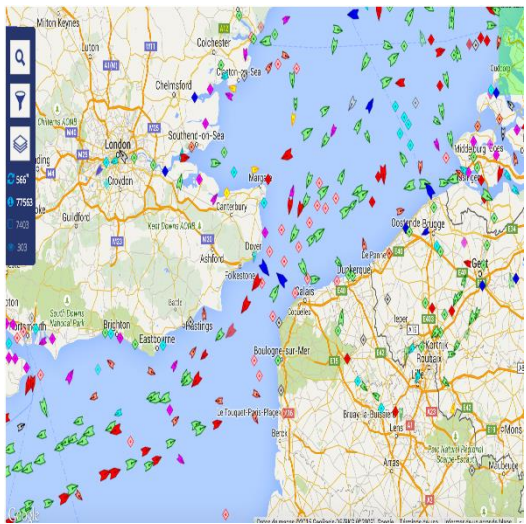
Timeline
 Short Sea Shipping operating since 2004.
 EU Grant April 2011 – March 2015 (48 months)

Geographical Scope
 Spain
 Portugal
 England

Funding
 Marco Polo II: 5.5 Million €
 Brittany Ferries: 7.9 Million €

Main Results
 In the 4 years operating the MOS transported:

- 80,000 road transport vehicles
- 144,000 passengers



The Challenge

Heavy road traffic congestion crossing Channel on the Dover Straits and traffic restrictions in France

Case overview

By promoting the use of Short Sea Shipping (SSS) lines between the South of England and the North of Spain, cargo shipments connecting the south western of Europe and the British Isles rely to a less extent on the heavily congested Channel Tunnel and Dover Strait seaways.

The reliable and safe SSS service provided by Brittany Ferries since 2004 has now 4 times the linear capacities it supplied in its beginnings.

With a transit time of 24 hours and a frequency of 3 return crossings per week, this alternative causes 12 hours' time savings, capturing a 14% of the total number of freight vehicles travelling in the route.

Despite its great performance, the project still faces multiple challenges including organizational issues and technical difficulties that still prevent this action to be profitable by itself.



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