

Opportunities for passenger and cruise development







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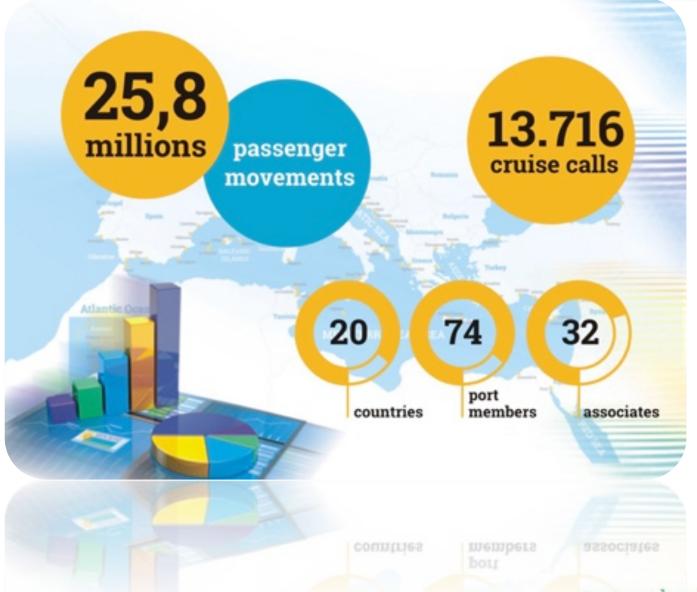




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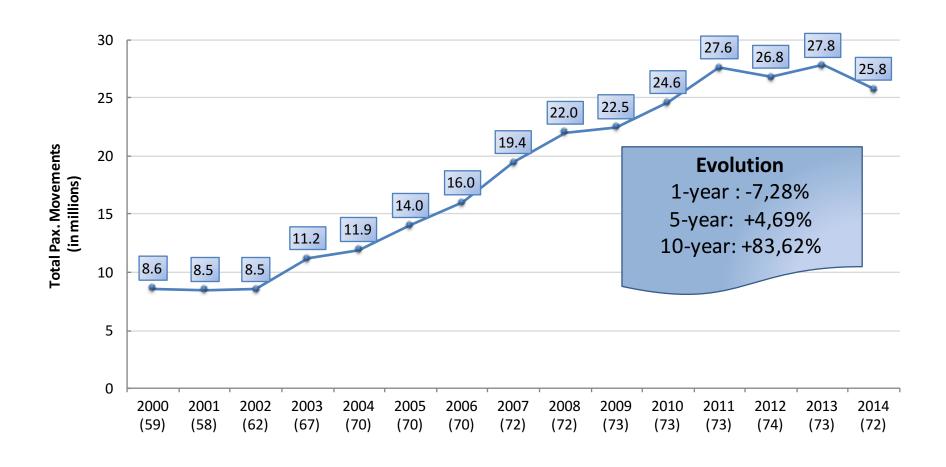
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A long-term growth, that needs to sustain





Where should a Med cruise port focus?



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I. Maturing vs emerging markets

- Is Med maturing?
- Is Asia really emerging?

I. Source markets

- Potential new ones
- Limitations of present ones







III. Capacity Issues (blue-side)

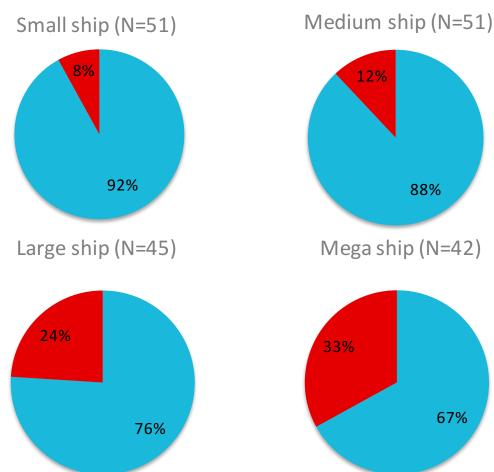


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Ports in the Med and its adjoining seas that allow berth alongside a quay

Percentage of ports that allows the option to berth alongside a quay for a transit call

blue = allowed,
red = not allowed



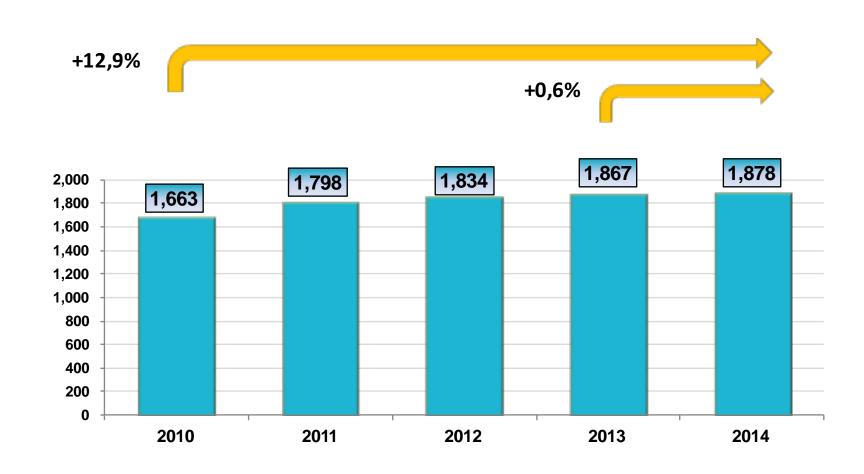
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IV. Capacity Issues (landside)

Average Cruise Passengers per Call





Source: MedCruise Statistics 2014

V. Image does matter



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- 2,300 tons of water in its swimming pools
- 12,000 plants on board including hundreds of palm trees



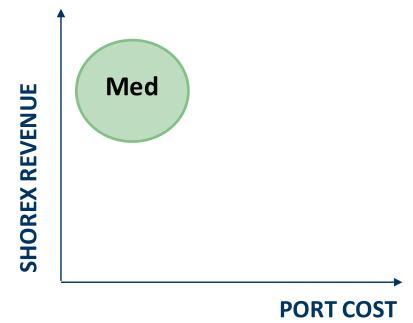


VI. Operational Issues

- Shorex activities
- Interporting
- Schengen (rules & implementation)
- Visa issues

VII. Vertical integration of cruise lines:

- Revenues of CL are already high
- Port dues are already low





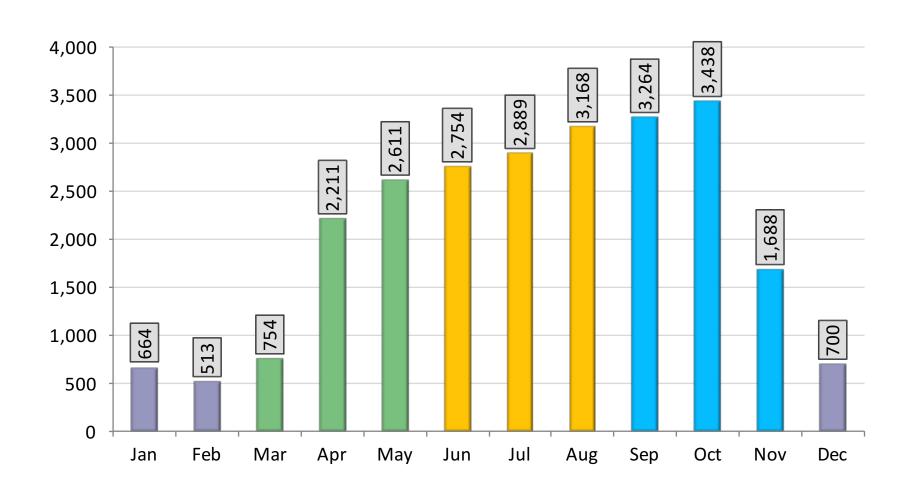
VIII. Building Successful Experiences

- Do you believe that cities & touristic destinations in the region are aware of the importance of cooperation?
- Do ports cooperate effectively with cities?
- What needs to happen (destination level) to build successful program(s)?

VII. Cruise activities in winter time

Total Cruise Passengers per month (in .000 / 2014)





Source: MedCruise Statistics 2014

Winter Cruising: A different kind of operation



Average Pax/Call per month (2014)



Source: MedCruise Statistics 2014

Major challenges for cruise ports



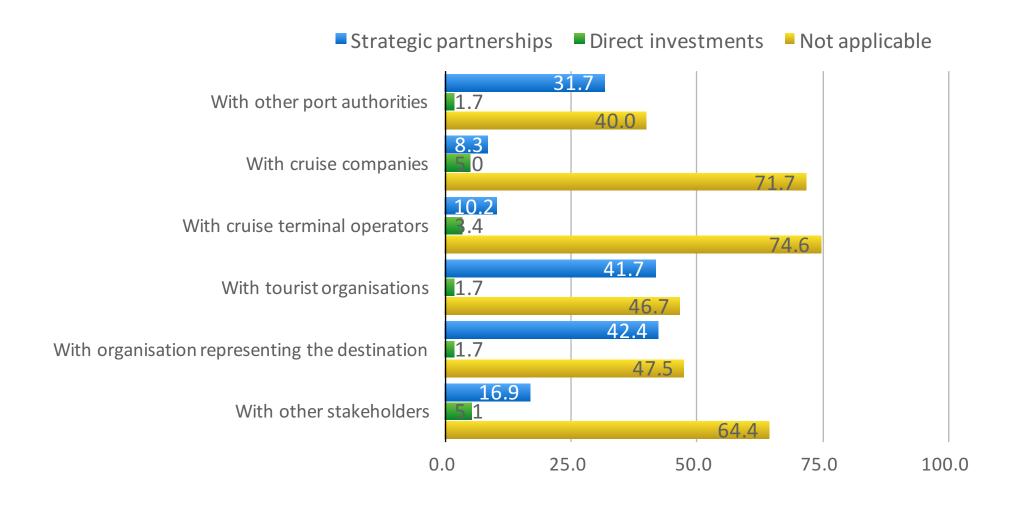
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(0=Not a challenge, 1= Lowest importance, 5=Highest importance

| Port Challlenges | Nota an issue (%) | Of highest importance (%) | Mean |
|---|-------------------|---------------------------|------|
| Relationship with the cruise lines | 11.9 | 54.2 | 3.83 |
| Exploiting the potential of winter cruising | 6.7 | 30 | 3.35 |
| Relationship with people and businesses around the ports | 5.1 | 22 | 3.32 |
| The relationship with the city of arrival and local authorities | 11.7 | 31.7 | 3.25 |
| Bigger cruise ships (in size) | 13.6 | 32.2 | 3.2 |
| Security | 16.7 | 40 | 3.17 |
| Infrastructure (other than transport) in the port | 11.9 | 37.3 | 3.15 |
| Becoming a homeport | 15 | 30 | 3.12 |
| Transport infrastructure to and from the port | 10.2 | 27.1 | 3.12 |
| Connectivity of the destination with source markets | 5.1 | 15.3 | 3.1 |
| The competition with other (neighbouring) cruise ports | 5 | 18.3 | 3.08 |
| People with reduced mobility | 16.7 | 28.3 | 3.03 |
| The relationship with the travel agents | 13.3 | 25 | 3.0 |
| The development of other regions as new cruise destinations | 10.7 | 19.6 | 3.0 |
| The mobility to and from the port | 15 | 18.3 | 2.85 |

Strategic partnerships and Direct Investments (%)



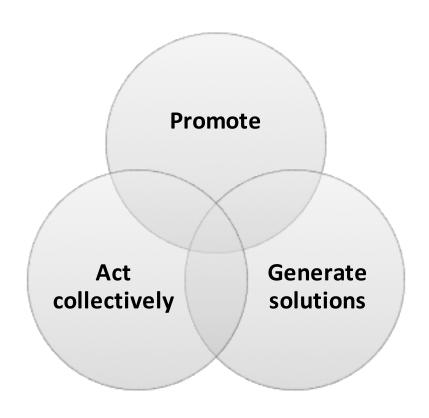


The X-Factor: 'Working together' The dynamics of cooperation



Why:

- Resources available to some but not all;
- Cruise lines deploy ships to a 'region' not to a 'port'
 - They choose itineraries, including several ports
 - 'Classic deployment': 4 ports -4/7 days cruise







- Provide marketing, networking and professional development tools & forums
- Develop & foster good relations and collaboration among cruise ports of the region (and beyond !!!) & liaison with cruise lines!
- Reflect on policy developments
- Reaching the entire port community: cities, cruise-lines, travel agents, passengers, etc...

The MedCruise way: Creating Solutions



Collaborate on solutions:

- Operational issues
- Port Finances
- Environment
- Training

Information sharing

- Newsletter a key publication
- Directories (hard copies /on line,
- Press relations
- Economic studies (statistics reports, benchmarking etc..)





A Directory of Cruise Ports & Professionals in the Mediterranean & Adjoining Seas

Yearbook

MedCruise tools

- Reaching together source markets
 - Classic markets (i.e. Europe, US)
 - New markets (i.e. China; rest of Asia)
- Professional development courses
- Dissemination of good practices
- Development of common practices
 - MedCruise guidelines on berth booking process











Policy matters of importance to MedCruise



- Emissions
- Global Climate Change, CO₂
- Local Health issues SOx, NOx
- Shore-side Electricity
- Sulphur Directive
- Waste management





Act a plan for the re-use of 90%

Define a plan for the recovery or re-use of 40%





MedCruise is

 A well-balanced Association serving ports of different sizes, and from diverse regions, countries and cultures

Scope

 To balance the 'maritime' and the 'tourism' dimensions that are part of cruising



Thank you

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