



## Pipeline of PPP projects in Tunisia

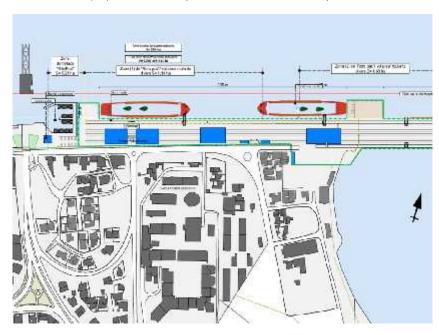
## Bizerte RO-PAX terminal

## **General presentation**

The Project (TND 80 million) is aimed for the creation of a Ro-Pax terminal at the southern bank of the port of Bizerte.

#### It includes:

- Port Area: maritime terminal, customs area, yards,
- Socio-cultural and commercial Area (shops, restaurants, theaters, cinemas...) open to the city, not connected to the port area.





Cost:

**TND 80 million** 



### **Project rationale**

- Remedy passenger and Ro-Pax vessel traffic congestion at the port of la Goulette, where berth extension is impossible.
- The traffic of cars and trucks is expected to grow at a sustainable pace of 2% per year over the next ten years thereby exceeding the capacity of la Goulette by 100,000 cars and 30,000 trucks p.a. by the year 2028
- Optimization and savings on energy and fuel expenditure notably by reducing the crossing time of the Mediterranean Sea by 3 hours and by reducing the traffic through the capital city.
- Bizerte will be the nearest Ro-Pax port to Europe. Location is favourable with deep water and ample potential space to develop the new terminal.
- Strengthen the hinterland of the port of Bizerte and the economic synergy with the territories.

#### **Legal and institutional framework**

The Concession will be entrusted by the Office of the Merchant Marine and Ports (OMMP) acting as Port Authority.

Its role consists of ensuring performance, competitive tariffs, safety and security in ports Including shipping regulation and inspection.

The PPP contract will be ruled by the general port laws defining the role of OMMP and series of decrees on procedures and regulations on Public-Private Partnership Contracts and Concessions.

#### **Project scope**

- Marine works: dredging, reclamation, wharves and ancillary equipment
- Land facilities: yards, reception facilities, parking space, administration and commercial buildings

#### **Completed technical studies**

Topographical Surveys are on-going by the care of the mapping and cadaster Office. The bidding process is expected to be undertaken in 2019.

- The following studies have yet to be completed starting in 2018Opportunity studies for the choice of scenario and for entrusting a concession including financing, implementation and operation of a RO-PAX terminal at the southern bank of the port of Bizerte.
- Feasibility Study (technical, economic and financial)
- Preliminary Design and Environmental/Social impact assessments.

# Prospective implementation schedule

Engineering phase: 2018-2019

Bidding process: 2019

Construction Phase: 2020-2021

• Operation Phase: 2022