

Transport activity  
3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2018

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**Deceleration in passengers by air transport and reduction in the movement of goods by maritime mode**

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2018, passengers at national airports amounted to 17.6 million, representing a 4.3% growth<sup>1</sup> (after +6.9% in 2Q). In terms of railways, there were again increases in passenger transport by heavy rail (+3.7%, +4.2% in 2Q) and by light rail systems (+3.7%, after +5.3% in 2Q). Inland waterway passenger transport increased by 3.3% (+1.0% in 2Q).

In national maritime ports, the number and size/GT of entry vessels decreased by 2.5% and by 0.4%, respectively (+0.2% and +5.1% in 2Q), together with a decrease of 2.1% in goods handled (+1.7% in 2Q), both in loading (-0.2%) and in unloading (-3.3%).

Rail freight transport decelerated to +2.5% (after +8.2% in 2Q) and amounted to 2.7 million tonnes. Road freight transport in tonnes increased by 0.5% (-4.1% in the previous quarter), evolution also recorded in terms of ton-km.

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<sup>1</sup> Unless stated otherwise, the change rates presented in this press release were calculated in relation to the same period of the previous year (year-on-year change rates).