

## **The Citroën C3 made in Zaragoza initiates its export forcefully from Valenciaport**

- **The first train arrives at the port of Valencia with the Aircross models of the Citroën C3 made in Figueruelas**
- **The 550-meter railway convoy arrived to Valenciaport following the PSA group's decision to re-use the Teruel railway line.**

**Valencia, October the 10<sup>th</sup> 2017.** - Valenciaport has received this morning the first train loaded with cars from the Zagreb factory in Figueruelas, the PSA group. The convoy, 550 meters long and operated by Gefco, has moved around 200 vehicles of the Citroën C3 Aircross model for export. This is the first convoy that arrives in the port of Valencia after the decision of the factory to re-use the railway line of Teruel, after the recent operational improvements introduced in it.

The decision of the Figueruelas plant to re-use this railway line has allowed the Port of Valencia to diversify the car models it receives by train. Specifically, after the purchase of Opel by the PSA group, Valenciaport will substantially increase the presence of the Citroën brand in the enclosure.

The plant has confirmed that it will operate three weekly trains from its factory in Zaragoza to the port of Valencia. This decision has been taken after the elimination of various "bottlenecks" of the Valencia-Teruel-Zaragoza rail line that has allowed increasing its operation.

### **Vehicle traffic**

Valenciaport is established as one of the main logistics nodes in Spain for car traffic and already has 1.000.000 m<sup>2</sup> at the service of the automobile industry, of which 412,000 m<sup>2</sup> are located in Valencia and 560,000 m<sup>2</sup> in the port of Sagunto. Likewise, the PAV has almost 5 kilometers of berthing line (1,845 m<sup>2</sup> in Valencia and 2,800 m<sup>2</sup> in Sagunto) destined to this industry that allow the arrival of the large ro-ro cargo vessels.

In the last two years, Valenciaport has climbed positions to become the eighth European port in vehicle traffic. Specifically, in 2016, Valenciaport channeled 774,708 units, an increase of 12.37% over the previous year.

### **Valencia- Zaragoza railway line**

The Port Authority of Valencia considers the development of the Cantabrian-Mediterranean Corridor of which the Valencia-Teruel-Zaragoza railway line forms part. Specifically, the PAV has already signed an agreement with Adif to allocate 13.6 million euros for the improvement, expansion and construction of 6 sidings with capacity to handle trains up to 750 meters in length. The bidding of these works - which can be carried out jointly - is planned to take place during 2018, so that works are completed by the end of 2018 or early 2019. The PAV also plans to allocate another 40 million euros for actions to improve this railway line, which are still pending.