

The Foundation and AIVP join forces to advance sustainable port cities and blue economy innovation

The **Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation** and the **International Association Cities & Ports (AIVP)** signed a Memorandum of Understanding today at the Grimaldi Forum, **in the presence of HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco**, during the second edition of the Blue Economy & Finance Forum, an event co-organised by the Foundation.

Signed by **Romain Ciarlet, Vice-Chairman and CEO of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation**, and **Bruno Delsalle, General Director of AIVP**, the agreement establishes a framework for collaboration between the two organisations to support sustainable, responsible and innovative development at the interface between cities, ports and the ocean.

Through this Memorandum of Understanding, the Foundation and AIVP intend to develop joint initiatives in areas of shared interest, including the promotion of talent and innovators connected to the ocean sector. The collaboration includes joint action within the framework of the Foundation's **Ocean Innovators Platform** and the **AIVP 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Port Cities**, with the aim of highlighting innovative solutions for ocean protection and the sustainable development of land-sea interfaces.

The partnership will also encourage the exchange of expertise and best practices, the involvement of each organisation's experts and innovators in relevant events, and the promotion of shared initiatives designed to strengthen dialogue between environmental protection, port-city development and the blue economy.

"This Memorandum of Understanding reflects our shared conviction that port cities have a central role to play in the transition towards a sustainable blue economy," said **Romain Ciarlet, Vice-Chairman and CEO of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation**. *"By joining forces with AIVP, we aim to foster dialogue, support innovators and promote solutions capable of reconciling economic development, ocean protection and the sustainable transformation of coastal territories."*

“This partnership with the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation marks a new milestone in recognising and accelerating AIVP’s work in support of port cities around the world. Guided by shared values of solidarity, cooperation and responsibility in the face of the challenges of a global transition, our two organisations complement one another. Formalised during the Blue Economy & Finance Forum, this partnership reflects our shared ambition to harness the full potential of city-port ecosystems to foster the emergence of new value chains focused on the blue economy,” added **Bruno Delsalle, General Director of AIVP**.

The signing took place during the Blue Economy & Finance Forum, the international platform dedicated to accelerating the transition towards a sustainable and regenerative blue economy. Bringing together leading decision-makers, investors, financial institutions, businesses, philanthropic organisations and politicians, the Forum aims to identify investment opportunities and solutions capable of scaling up.

About the International Association Cities & Ports

Created over 30 years ago by port and city stakeholders looking to promote dialogue on the transformation of city-port interfaces, the [International Association Cities & Ports](#) (AIVP) has established a reputation as the world’s leading organisation supporting sustainable city-port development strategies. AIVP supports its members in their search for solutions, to build a port city that meets its citizens’ hopes and aspirations. Around its sustainable development Agenda for port cities, AIVP works to organise dialogue, promote exchanges, and suggest solutions.

About the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation

Founded by H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco in 2006, the [Foundation](#) is a global non-profit organization dedicated to advancing planetary health for current and future generations. It co-creates initiatives and supports hundreds of projects around the world. Its key missions include preserving endangered species, protecting freshwater ecosystems, developing a sustainable blue economy, and supporting the younger generations.

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