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Submitted by Lead Organization	
Name of the lead organization	National Technical University of Athens
City and country where the lead organization is based	Athens, Greece
Title of the event	Ports in transition: Imagining alternative futures
Date	10/17/2016
Room number	R10
List of partner organizations	PUCE/ Quito
Number of attendees	41-60
Percentage of women participating	31-40%
Background information on the event (themes, issues, context).	Former ports of air and water, in various parts of the world, experience uncertain states of gradual or abrupt transition. Some are being imagined as metropolitan parks, while in times of economic recession, others are facing privatization and speculative development at the detriment of the communities and cities they serve and to which they belong. By switching scales from local to global and by overcoming national frameworks, we attempt to understand horizontally the nature of these processes. Several workshops, research projects, presentations, and activist actions involve partners and collaborators in the process of forming a global transnational research network across cities in Europe and Latin America.
Concise summary of the event proceedings, including key points discussed	The structure of the event was the following: Introduction to the concepts and the discourse around the future of former ports of air and water, in transition. Individual remote presentations of case studies by their researchers with the following order: 1) Former airport Mariscal Sucre (currently Parque Bicentenario), Quito/Ecuador by Dr Nicholas Anastasopoulos 2) Port of La Plata, Argentina by Alejandro Meitin 3) Gdansk Shipyard, Poland by Dr Katarzyna Kosmala 4) Former airport Elliniko, Athens/Greece by Dr Fereniki Vatavali 5) Port of Hamburg, Germany by Geheimagentur Presentations were followed by questions and answers
Recommendations that emerged from these discussions.	One recommendation that emerged was to involve communities of fishermen in the development of our research.



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Partnerships or collaborations that emerged from the event.	Connections with the ports of Barcelona, Marseilles and Mumbai. Contact with the MIT lab on displacement studies
Name, nationality, title and organization of the 1st speaker at your event.	Dr Nicholas Anastasopoulos, Greek, Researcher/ Lecturer, National Technical University of Athens (NTUA)
Name, nationality, title and organization of the 2nd speaker at your event.	Alejandro Meitin, Argentinian, Ala Plastica,
Name, nationality, title and organization of the 3rd speaker at your event.	Dr Katarzyna Kosmala/ Roman Sebestyanski, University of the West of Scotland, Scotland, UK
Name, nationality, title and organization of the 4th speaker at your event.	Dr Fereniki Vatavali, Researcher, National Technical University of Athens (NTUA)
Name, nationality, title and organization of the 5th speaker at your event.	Matthias Anton/ Geheimagentur
Dissemination of the outcomes of your event?	Satellite presentations in various cities, exchange with interested representatives of other case studies and further strategizing