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PORT OF GENOA, BEGINNING OF THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW BREAKWATER

- **The Public Consultation on the future construction of the new breakwater was illustrated today at Palazzo San Giorgio, headquarters of the Western Ligurian Sea Port Authority.**
- **The press conference was attended by the Minister of Transport Paola De Micheli, the President of the Liguria Region Giovanni Toti, the Mayor of Genoa Marco Bucci and the President of the Port Authority, together with all the authorities involved.**
- **The Public Consultation will start on 9 January, the first in Italy after the implementation decree of 2018, in order to examine the potential of the project with citizens and stakeholders.**

Genoa, 8 January 2021 - A new breakwater to enlarge the manoeuvring basin and the transit channel for ships in the historic basin of the Port of Genoa and allow the port to continue to play a central and dominant position in national and European markets, conforming to the best models in the sector.

The plan for the construction of the new infrastructure was presented today, which by replacing the previous breakwater will guarantee a new port entrance and a new manoeuvring space for ships and allow the port and terminal operators to also accommodate large container and cruise vessels, adapting to the needs of the major shipping companies.

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The technical-economic feasibility study of the work, illustrated in an information dossier, containing three project alternatives with different solutions and breakwater development plans, was officially presented by the Western Ligurian Sea Port Authority in a press conference at the presence of the main national and local authorities.

From the suggestive Sala del Capitano of Palazzo San Giorgio, headquarters of the Western Ligurian Sea Port Authority, the President of the Authority Paolo Emilio Signorini, the President of the Liguria Region Giovanni Toti and the Mayor of Genoa Marco Bucci intervened and were followed by the interventions of Admiral Nicola Carlone, Maritime Director of Liguria and Commander of the Port of Genoa and Marco Rettighieri, Responsible for the implementation of the "Extraordinary Program of urgent investments" of the Port of Genoa, and by the technical reports of Antonio Lizzadro, Project Manager of Technital SpA and Responsible for the project and Andrea Pillon, Coordinator of the Public Debate on the realization of the work. The meeting ended with the intervention of the Minister of Infrastructure and Transport Paola De Micheli, in streaming from Rome.

The construction of the breakwater was considered unanimously as an absolute priority for the competitiveness of the Port of Genoa, the main hub of the transport and handling system of goods in Italy and in Europe.

Due to the national, European and global relevance of the work and in compliance with the implementation decree of 25 August 2018 on the Public Contracts Code of 2016, the work was subjected to the evaluation and comparison through a public debate, that marks a historical moment for the use of this tool in Italy, used for the first time under the provisions of the new law.

The project aims to present the new breakwater project to the public and to collect comments and proposals to allow the proposer of the work, the Western Ligurian Sea Port Authority, to improve the dossier and evaluate its feasibility.



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The process is open to the City and to all stakeholders involved and is organized so that all interested parties can receive complete information on the project, request and obtain clarifications from the project designers, indicate critical issues or issues to be explored and propose improvement solutions.

The calendar of Public Consultation meetings will start with the information meeting on **9 January 2021, from 10.00 to 12.00**, where the aims, objectives, organizational and participatory methods of the debate will be illustrated to the public, together with a summary presentation of the project dossier.

To participate in this first meeting, simply connect to the zoom videoconference of the meeting at the link:

<https://zoom.us/j/99086425911?pwd=NE5ZMUtOYXdGTUI1NTI6L2FJVERQdz09>

The event on 9 January will be the first of 4 public online events, opened to citizens and main stakeholders involved in the implementation of the project and will continue throughout the month of January and the first week of February.

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