



Press Release

## GENOA AND LIGURIA HUB OF LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS FOR ITALY AND EUROPE?

*On 19 and 20 November the live streaming event, reserved to professionals from the sector, promoted by the Liguria Region and Genoa Metropolitan City under the patronage of the Italian Ministry of Economic Development and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Two days of talks and conferences to shed light on the direct use of liquid methane and the logistic opportunities related to the transport of fuel for the port system of Genoa and Liguria, interconnections between the Mediterranean and Central-Northern Europe.*

12 November 2020 - The International Forum LNG **in the Euro-Mediterranean Corridor and the role of the logistics system of Genoa and Liguria**, promoted by Genoa Metropolitan City and the Liguria Region with the design and organisational support of ConferenzaGNL, is scheduled for **19 and 20 November, live streaming** from Palazzo Doria Spinola, Genoa Metropolitan Council Hall. The audience of speakers invited to speak will be very rich and prominent.

Works will start on Thursday 19 November with the morning sessions devoted to the topic of **LNG use in the maritime transport sector** from a global perspective. Representatives of the main national and international maritime organisations, port authorities, local and European public institutions will be invited to speak to discuss the realities and perspectives on the use of LNG in the maritime sector.

In the afternoon, there will be a focus on **small-scale LNG infrastructure** with a focus on the state of the art of the industrial supply chain and its story through interviews with key players in the sector. Representatives of the main market leaders are expected to take part in the event, to take pictures of developments in the supply chain through the implementation of existing projects and the presentation of new stages.

Friday 20 November will open with speeches by representatives of the main associations and federations in the sector, as well as experts and university lecturers on the relationships and interconnections that characterize LNG transport and trade, as well as on the possibilities dictated by the abandonment of fossil fuels in favour of **climate-neutral bio-LNG**.

Finally, the afternoon sessions will help to outline **LNG prospects for Genoa and Liguria** from the perspective of a logistics and energy HUB of European value, through a discussion on the rules and programmes of **international cooperation**. In this context, representatives of the Ligurian maritime sector, local authorities and European institutions will take part. The Upper Tyrrhenian Sea and the Genoese and Ligurian system of transport and connections represent, in fact, a viable and efficient corridor for relations between the Mediterranean and Central-Northern Europe in order to achieve the objectives of response to global climate change and for the security of energy supplies.

The International Forum will be broadcast live streaming with simultaneous translation into English and French, and will provide a scientific basis on the market, technological and business prospects of LNG. The results of international research activities (SIGNAL and PROMO-GNL) carried out under the **European Maritime Interreg Italy-France 2014-2020** programme will also be presented.

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*“This International Forum, which was set up by the institutional working group on LNG set up by the Metropolitan City of Genoa,” said **Claudio Garbarino, Metropolitan Councillor in charge of the Strategic Plan**, “is intended to show that Genoa, with its port and the surrounding area, can be, together with the whole regional system, a key hub for low environmental impact logistics towards Central-Northern Europe and vice versa.”*

**Andrea Benveduti, the Liguria Region's Councillor for Economic Development**, declares *“LNG is one of the best opportunities to meet the need to reduce polluting emissions, as required by international and EU directives. The growing demand for use as an alternative fuel certifies the goodness of the operations undertaken by Regione Liguria - in agreement with the other bodies that signed the agreement signed last December - in identifying a distribution network in Liguria. The two-day International Forum is a further opportunity for discussion, in addition to the EU initiatives that we, as a Region, have carried out in the past, in order to make the advantages of its use, both in terms of the environment and safety, known - even to non-experts.”*

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Program and Registration Link (reserved only to professionals from the sector):

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