



Press release

INTERNATIONAL FORUM

THE SMALL SCALE LNG FOR THE EURO-MEDITERRANEAN CORRIDOR OF GENOA AND LIGURIA

The International Forum on the direct use of liquid methane, an online event live from Genoa, will start on November 19th to illustrate and discuss the role of the fuel with lower environmental impact available for the development of interconnections between the Mediterranean and Central and Northern Europe.

Regione Liguria and Città Metropolitana di Genova, with the design and organizational support of ConferenzaGNL, have promoted an international information and dissemination event on the role of liquefied natural gas (LNG) in Ligurian land and sea transport infrastructures. LNG is the fuel with the lowest environmental impact that is spreading around the world as a replacement for traditional fuels.

Widely available and cost-effective, LNG has been produced and transported safely for over 60 years to power large gas pipelines, industries and power plants. In the last ten years, thanks to small-scale infrastructure, its direct use as a fuel has spread in maritime, heavy land, rail, aerospace and in industries and city networks far from gas pipelines.

In view of its possible next use, the Liguria Region and the Metropolitan City of Genoa have considered it useful a moment of reflection and listening, accessible online to all citizens, to gather opinions and projects of institutions, companies, experts and associations. Of particular importance will be the contributions of those who are using small-scale LNG in Mediterranean and global contexts comparable in terms of logistical role and industrial development in the context of Liguria.

The International LNG Forum, an online event scheduled on 19 and 20 November, will take place live from Palazzo Doria Spinola, Genoa Metropolitan Council Hall.

The direct use of LNG is a key element in the energy diversification strategy outlined by the European Green Deal and the Integrated National Plan for Energy and Climate (PNIEC), as well as an opportunity to relaunch and develop the entire transport and logistics chain.

In this situation Italy plays its role as a natural link between the Mediterranean and Central-Northern Europe, of which Liguria and Genoa with its port historically represent one of the main corridors for the exchange of goods, experiences and ideas.

The International Forum, which also takes place with the contribution of European projects, will provide simultaneous translation into French and English, and will provide a scientific basis on the market, technological and entrepreneurial perspectives of LNG. The results of the international research programs (SIGNAL and PROMO-GNL), carried out within the European Maritime Interreg Italy-France 2014-2020 program, will be presented. On the Italian side, the studies have involved among other universities of Liguria, Tuscany and Sardinia.

Other topics of particular relevance that will be developed in the Forum, are the start of the replacement of LNG of fossil origin with bio-LNG with neutral climate impact, produced with urban organic waste and agro-zootechnical in the "circular economy" and the role of small LNG as a precursor and forerunner of the possible future use in transport of hydrogen, produced with renewable electric sources.

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