

## **Dredging: Genoa gears up for busy cruise ship season**

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**Dredging operations speed up alongside the cruise and ferry terminal quays to ensure completion ahead of schedule and prepare to accommodate in full safety the passenger ships scheduled in Genoa for the busy summer months.**

The planned works have the dual objective to maintain and to deepen the depth alongside quaylines to cater for the arrival of the next generation ultra-large cruise vessels: the draft by the Ponte dei Mille Cruise Terminal is set to increase to up to -11 metres and to -10 metres along the Ferry Terminal docks. Genoa's passenger port is today the focus of the daily excavation of 3500 cubic metres of sediment, equal to the size of a 4-storey building, to guarantee the completion of dredging operations in this area by the spring.

The project forms part of the wide-ranging plan to upgrade the docks of Genoa Sampierdarena's cargo terminals and Old Port passenger terminals to improve accessibility by sea on the part of the ultra-large container and cruise ships.