

Plans for the new Ports of Genoa breakwater go ahead: results of the tender have been released

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Rome - Invitalia announced the results of the tender, to conduct a feasibility study for the new breakwater of the Port of Genoa, published in November 2018. Seven offers were received by Invitalia, the central purchasing agency commissioned by the Western Ligurian Sea Port Authority, for the 13.5 million euro contract. The seven consortia which submitted offers featured both Italian and European consulting and engineering firms, confirming the major interest prompted by the plan to build Italy's greatest port infrastructure project in recent years.

The contract has been awarded to the Verona-based **Technital S.p.A.**, which formed a consortium grouping together E.P.F. Elettrotecnica Srl., Modimar Srl., Studio Ballerini Ingegneri Associati, Alberto Albert, HR Wallingford Ltd, Dimms Control Srl, Sener Ingenieria Y Sistemas SA.

The technical and financial feasibility study will be the basis for the new breakwater in the Sampierdarena basin of the Port of Genoa which will cater for the future requirements of the ultra-large container ships, in compliance with the strictest safety and security regulations, at an estimated cost of approximately 800 million euros. The new project foresees the construction of a 5-km breakwater, 500 metres from the coastline, with depth up to 40 metres. The project feasibility study is the first step in a 15-year timeframe which will be divided into three distinct phases