

Port of Genoa: ratification of key rail infrastructure projects

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Plans are afoot to boost rail freight capacity in the basin of the Port of Genoa and improve the intermodal split.

These are the main objectives of the Convention which was signed on 28 June by Maurizio Gentile, Chief Executive Officer and General Manager of Rete Ferroviaria Italiana and Paolo Emilio Signorini, President of the Western Ligurian Sea Port Authority, under the auspices of the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport. In attendance, Edoardo Rizi, Undersecretary of the Ministry, Renato Mazzonicini, Chief Executive Officer and General Manager of FS Italiane, Giovanni Toti, President of the Liguria Region and Marco Bucci, Mayor of Genoa.

The agreement provides a timeframe for the upgrading of the rail link between Parco Rugna/ Bettolo Container Terminal area and the Campasso railyard. The planned works also include the restructuring of the Molo Nuovo Rail Tunnel to enable the carriage of high-cube containers and the construction of a new rail freight station in the Fuorimuro railyard area with the installation of 750-metre rail tracks to boost the overall rail freight-handling capacity of the Port of Genoa, premier Italian port in terms of annual total throughput. The total cost of the investment programme is estimated at 35 million euros.