

## **The new breakwater takes shape: the Ports of Genoa assign the project feasibility study to Invitalia**

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**An agreement was signed on 13 April 2018 between the Western Ligurian Sea Port Authority and Invitalia (the Investment Agency which reports to the Italian Ministry for Finance), for the implementation of the Port of Genoa's new breakwater feasibility study and the tender for the construction works in the completion of the Ponte Ronco-Canepa Terminal.**

Paolo Emilio Signorini, President of the Western Ligurian Sea Port Authority, and Domenico Arcuri, Managing Director of Invitalia, undersigned an agreement which designates Invitalia as the central purchasing body which will tender on the project for the construction of the New Breakwater of Genoa and for the completion of the Ponte Ronco-Canepa Terminal. With the launch of the project for the new breakwater, the Port of Genoa is onstream to meet the future challenges posed by the advent of the ultra large containers ships up to 22,000 teus, in compliance with the strictest safety and security regulations.

The 1-billion euro project foresees the construction of a 5-km breakwater 500 metres from the coastline, with works set to commence in 2021. Invitalia has been appointed to overview the tendering on the implementation of the project feasibility study, the first step in a 15-year timeframe which will be divided into three distinct phases.

The existing breakwater provided a symbolic breathtaking backdrop to the signing of the Agreement on the part of the President of the Port and the MD of Invitalia, with the participation of the President of the Liguria Region, Giovanni Toti, the Mayor of Genoa, Marco Bucci, and the Admiral of the Port of Genoa, Rear Admiral Nicola Carlone, who confirmed their full support to one of the key projects vital to the future development of the Port of Genoa.

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