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PRESS RELEASE

Work is underway in Sicily to create a centre of excellence

Diving, the Palermo Cedifop Study Centre in the project of the ITTL Nautico "Caio Duilio" of Messina



PALERMO (12 August) - The search for new partnerships by the Cedifop Study Centre does not stop in August. In the "crosshairs" of the professional training body for industrial diving, based in the port of Palermo, is collaboration with the "Caio Duilio" Nautical-Transport and Logistics Technical Institute of Messina. It is the intention of the Cedifop, an institution headed by the Greek Manos Kouvakis, to collaborate with the project, currently being drawn up in Sicily, of a new national centre for underwater activities. After La Spezia, where the 'National Centre of the Underwater Dimension' was set up in December last year by the Italian Navy, it is now Sicily's turn to dedicate a space entirely to deep-sea activities.

The main architect of the initiative is the headmistress of the 'Caio Duilio' Technical Institute for Transport and Logistics-Nautics in Messina, Daniela Pistorino, who, in a telephone interview, told us that "Prospects in the field of fishing and tourism were discussed a few months ago at the 'Monsignor Fasola' auditorium in Messina, where numerous authorities in the maritime field

attended the presentation of the project. In the meantime, we are looking at different realities in the sector, including the Cedifop Study Centre, a renowned professional training organisation with decades of experience in the industrial diving sector behind it. In any case, our goal is 360-degree diving, from tourism to archaeology, with the utmost attention to the cultural and historical heritage preserved in the deep sea. The history hidden in the waters surrounding the largest island in the Mediterranean is, in fact, further proof that Sicily has been an active crossroads of cultures over the centuries. This project will also be able to give rise to public and private investment, generate profitability and employment with important spin-offs for other productive sectors on the island'.

Emanuele Rossorollo, who is in charge of the technical side of the project on behalf of the Nautico 'Caio Duilio', also tells us about the important initiative: 'The Port Authorities, the Regions, and the Ministry of Sea Policies will be the institutions with which the first agreements will be closed. We will ask the Cedifop of Palermo for the right professional contribution regarding industrial diving, both for the theoretical and the practical part. In fact, we are all putting together the pieces of this important mosaic in order to create a first-rate centre that will be a flagship for Sicily, capable of promoting, developing, and coordinating the synergies of the different realities of the sector, mainly for the benefit of all the people who love the sea.

"I am honoured to be able to be part of the realising project of the Nautical Institute of Messina," reports Manos Kouvakis. "For the role that falls to us, as per Cedifop's DNA, we will try to give our best on this occasion too.

(In the photo, the renovated façade of the headquarters of the 'Caio Duilio' Technical Institute for Transport and Logistics-Nautical Engineering in Via La Farina 70, Messina)

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