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## PRESS RELEASE

**F.S.E. funding skipped. tuition, room and board costs all to be borne by the 12 students enrolled**

**Cedifop Study Center, launched at the port of Palermo the "OTS-Inshore" course**

PALERMO (April 12, 2024) - The adventure of the 12 aspiring divers enrolled in the "OTS-Inshore" course began in recent days on the desks of the Cedifop Study Center at the Sannuzzo pier inside the port of Palermo. The course, which should have received funding from the European Social Fund, is fee-based. Unfortunately, in fact, the main financial instrument with which the European Union supports employment in the member states, due to lack of funds at the click day, provided by the format for the submission of projects by the entities, after just a couple of munits had exhausted the sums allocated to handicrafts, a sector where, perhaps even improperly, the "OTS-Inshore" course had been included. Having blown the funding, three of the fifteen students enrolled had to forfeit, unfortunately, because of the expenses of both registration and room and board to which they would have had to undergo. Many of them, in fact, came from outside the island's borders. Bergamo, Foggia, Ponte San Pietro, Grosseto, Cagliari, San Daniele del Friuli, Castellammare di Stabia, Udine, Lecce, Civitavecchia and two from Palermo were the areas where the students came from. "I have worked previously just to pay for this course," Palermo resident Giuseppe Terrana told us. While the Roman from Civitavecchia, Antony Pinna, decided to quit his job to take the course that will lead him to his future profession as a diver. As also for his eleven other colleagues all of whom somewhat regretted the three who had to drop out due to lack of funding. At the end of this particular training course, the students who have passed the final exams will obtain: the certificate of professional qualification for Inshore Diver Technical Operator (which allows registration in the Register of Divers in Local Service, at a Port Authority in Italy); registration in the Telematic Directory of Industrial Diving, at the Regional Department of Labor (L.R. 7/2016), for the "Inshore" qualification level: the Bureau Veritas "Underwater Welder" certification (in accordance with UNI EN ISO 15618-1); registration in the Professional Fishing Register as an OTS/professional underwater fisherman (Ministerial Decree October 20, 1986), at a Port Authority in Italy; the IDSA level 2 certification (upon request); access to the Offshore Air Diver Top Up level (IDSA level 3 - IMCA "Recommended" course - IMCA Information note ID: 1384). The certificate also has validity in the international scope of certification (Inshore Diver as IDSA Level 2): List of Equivalence. The course, which started last March 26, will end on July 8 with the final exams.

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