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PRESS RELEASE

Inspector Paternò tasked with verifying that requirements remain in place

Port of Palermo, "maturity exams" for Cedifop Study Center. Bureau Veritas tests the activities of the entity that delivers diving courses

PALERMO (Sept. 16, 2024) - Time for audits for the Cedifop Study Center, the professional training institution for industrial diving that operates within the Port of Palermo.

To test the parameters related to the activities carried out by the body headed by Greek Manos Kouvakis, engineer Santino Paternò, System Inspector for Bureau Veritas, an accredited "Accredia" body, the Italian accreditation body that manages the references of bodies and laboratories operating in various sectors, was sent to the Sammuzzo dock of the port of Palermo, where Cedifop is based.

"The periodic visits to Cedifop," reports engineer Paternò, "guarantee to the users the regular carrying out of the courses according to the quality management systen referred to in the international standard ISO9001. Since, moreover, these are industrial diving courses, and therefore high-risk, ISO9001 requires that all operations be carried out according to the stakes set by the standard applied by the certifying body Bureau Veritas, which issued and will renew the certification every three years. ISO 9001, in fact, looks at the quality of services that companies provide in order to give their customers, the maximum results related to relative maximum satisfaction."

Bureau Veritas is the French-origin company of worldwide relevance and a leader in the assessment and analysis of risks related to quality, environment, health, safety and social responsibility, summarized by the acronym QHSE-SA (from the English Quality, Health, Safety, Environment and Social Accountability, ed.) topics at the apex of Cedifop's obligations to both its staff, trainees and the various suppliers and companies with which it has already had excellent working and collaborative relationships for decades.

Meanwhile, the regular running of the 800-hour European Social Fund-funded Underwater Technical Operator course is proceeding at Cedifop, at the end of which the Inshore Underwater Welder, reduced to 120 hours to be held in 3 weeks, will start. Only those students who have completed the OTS (in addition to the approximately 90 percent quota of IDSA Level 2 dives) will be allowed to participate in this additional course.