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PRESS RELEASE

Together with Sicily, this will make it the second region to use it for seabed activity

In Friuli Venezia Giulia, the law regulating industrial diving regulating the exercise of industrial diving

Like the Sicilian Region, the proposal has been approved by Friuli's Second Council Commission



PALERMO (19 November 2024) - The second Friuli Venezia Giulia Regional Council Commission, chaired by Markus Maurmair (Fratelli d'Italia), has given the go-ahead by a majority vote to article 5 of draft law 25 regulating the exercise of industrial diving activities.

The proposed law, which bears the signature of Lega Lega councillor Giuseppe Gherseinich, aims to adopt an organic body of rules governing the training of divers and underwater workers in Inshore and Offshore maritime areas, thus guaranteeing the quality of the services offered, the performance of the same in safe conditions, and the possibility for individuals who obtain qualifications in Friuli Venezia Giulia to see them recognised in the labour market.

The one that is being created in these days in Friuli is the same one that in Italy has regulated the three training paths, through the 07/2016 of the Sicilian Region on the three profiles of the Inshore (1 profile) and Offshore (2 profiles) levels as 'Normalised Training' where the profile related to the Technical Diving Operator is among the non-standardised training in all Italian regions.

Those who only hold the OTS qualification, regularly registered with a Harbour Master's Office in Italy, can, in fact, access the Italian Commercial Diver Repertoire

provided for by Law 07/2016 only if they prove that they have certified in their personal logbook a precise number of dives and activities in the water as provided for in Annex 1 of Presidential Decree No. 31/2018, for the Inshore and Offshore levels.

Registration in the Italian Commercial Diver Repertoire ratifies the qualification provided for in Article 2 of Law 07/2016 (Inshore - Top Up or Saturation) to operate outside the port area, in compliance with Legislative Decree 81/08 on safety at work, while activities within port areas remain the exclusive responsibility of OTS registered with a Harbour Master's Office in Italy.

Registration in the Italian Commercial Diver Directory also ratifies the qualification to operate in the entire EU territory, pursuant to Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 September 2005, as reported by Law 07/2016.

'Friuli Venezia Giulia has about 130 km of coastline,' recalled Lega councillor Gherseinich at the opening of the session, briefly illustrating the bill, 'but characterised by typical peculiarities, such as that of the Trieste Riviera and that of the Friuli and Grado coasts, where there are two important lagoons, that of Marano and Grado. Underwater activities are therefore an important element. We intend to take a look at the future of the sea economy and allow our young people to take up a profession that gives and will give more and more jobs in our region in the future'.

Finally, the councillor pointed out that 'unfortunately, to date there is a lack of legislation'.

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