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The course funded by the European Social Fund started on May 6

The FSE Subaquatic Technical Operator Course Concluded At Cedifop in Palermo, students await final exams

Another similar course begins on December 2, self-financed and ending on March 21



PALERMO (November 30, 2024) – Started on May 6, the European Social Fund-funded course for the Subaquatic Technical Operator (Ots) ended on November 14. This course was organized by the Cedifop Center for Professional Training in Industrial Diving in Palermo. Now, in order to proceed with the final exams, the institution led by the Greek Manos Kouvakis is waiting for the regional Sicilian Department of Professional Training to activate the procedure for exam requests through the relevant platform. Fifteen students, who have completed the entire training process, are waiting to take the final exam.

Meanwhile, 12 of them are currently continuing their training with other students who have joined the program to complete the course up to the Inshore Diver level. This will allow them to be registered in the Italian Commercial Diver registry at the Department of Labor of the Sicilian Region and also earn a certification as a commercial diver welder issued by Bureau Veritas (the French multinational company specializing in risk assessment and analysis related to quality, environment, health, safety, and social responsibility). The final exams for this certification are scheduled for Friday, December 13.

Additionally, starting on December 2, 20 new students—15 Italians (only 2 from Sicily) and 5 foreigners from Chile, Sri Lanka, Tunisia,

Senegal, and Croatia—will begin a new training course for the Ots level. This course is self-financed and will conclude on March 21 of the following year.

Also, at the Cedifop Center's location, which operates within the port of Palermo, another (short) course for Diver Medic First Aid with certification UNI CEI EN ISO/IEC 17024 by Cepas/Bureau Veritas is scheduled for the second half of December. This course is mandatory under Sicilian law 07/2016 (and now also under Article 3.5 of the law in force in Friuli Venezia Giulia) and grants access to two offshore levels (Top Up, 30 and 50 meters beyond the port) and Saturation. These training programs are recommended by the IMCA, the International Marine Contractors Association.

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