



**Autorità Portuale
Livorno**

Livorno is riding the crest of a wave with a massive expansion project The Italian port is ready to present its “Europa Platform”

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An ambitious port expansion project in the heart of Italy is set to shake up the Region and put pressure on port competitors. It's the Europa Platform, the new container infrastructure that will be built to improve capacity and productivity.

The Europa Platform, believe it or not, is a much more modest proposal: it is justified, because it is needed. Trade growth is the proof of this need, and time is running out.

Indeed, to achieve further growth and to keep the good market position, Livorno needs to invest in a new commercial quay. With maximum draughts limited to 13 meters, the Tuscan port - that has bucked traffic trends in 2014 with a 37,1% increase in container throughput – needs to push ahead with a new container terminal complex that will accommodate the ULCS. The first vessel is expected to dock at the Europa Platform in 2016.

Livorno Port Authority will launch the tender procedure for the design and construction of the Europa Platform by the end of September. The whole massive port expansion and land reclamation project is budgeted at € 800mln: the terminal will have a 2,000 m long quay with a 16/18 m draught.

A considerable chunk of the financing for the 800 mln project is already in place. Tuscany Regional Administration, Livorno Port Authority and the Italian Government have agreed a loan of €450m. Now, institutions are looking for the private investor that is ready to invest 327 mln euros.

In view of the launching of an international call for tender, Livorno Port Authority and the Tuscany Regional Government have the pleasure to invite you to a conference on 15th September in Brussels, on the 8th floor of Rond Point Schuman 14 (Tuscany Regional Administration Office). It will be the occasion for knowing more about this project and get a first overview of investment opportunities.

«When the vessel schedule planners in Asia are looking at Europe – says the President of Livorno Port Authority, Giuliano Gallanti - it is important that they know at least our port will be able to handle these ships. Livorno will give them that stability and reliability for planning their loops».