

INTERVIEW



Interview with
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Chairman Scanu, with the ongoing remediation of the Porto Torres Site of National Priority, a vast geographic area will be available for new economic development initiatives. What are the expectations of the Consortium that you represent, also in terms of stimulating companies and production supply chains in the area as well as the employment spin-offs?

The completion of remediation and decommissioning operations is a key factor in achieving a reindustrialisation process. Obsolete and dilapidated structures, old tanks and abandoned plants disfigure the landscape and limit the availability of land, particularly back-port land, thus mortifying the initiatives undertaken in favour of the attractiveness of the Porto Torres industrial area.

With environmental remediation, the great hitherto unexploited potential of a strategically located site will emerge. In fact, recent energy provisions foresee the arrival of methane, which will allow a gradual energy transition by aligning the costs of companies and citizens in Sardinia with those in the peninsula.

CIPS is committed to fostering the

emergence of a hydrogen district in Porto Torres, a pioneering prospect to date, but one that will be a component of interest and development in the future.

What are - in your opinion - the most promising new projects and infrastructures for the revitalisation of the areas affected by the Porto Torres Industrial Complex Crisis Area Reconversion and Re-development Project?

Green chemistry, agro-industry, circular economy and blue economy represent the target production supply chains for the economic development of North West Sardinia. I therefore believe that investments in green chemistry must be increased and the entire production supply chain must be activated, including local so-called no-food agricultural production.

As CIPS, we are determined to promote the reconversion of the industrial port, now almost totally unused, with enormous potential due to its extension and high depths that make it one of the most competitive in Italy. It is a gateway to the Mediterranean capable of hosting international logistics hubs and modern facilities for shipbuild-

ing and the maritime economy in general. Special Economic Zones (SEZs) will provide tax and administrative concessions to companies and structural investments in port and back-port areas.

In such a scenario, what synergies and collaborations do you see with Eni Rewind, considering both the availability of areas for third-party investors and the planning in the waste sector, given the lack of infrastructure on the island?

Developing partnerships with industry groups is part of the institutional mission of CIPS, which is oriented towards an industry that is different from the past, which produces and at the same time ensures environmental sustainability. In this scenario, synergetic actions will also be possible with Eni Rewind in the area of environmental services, for instance with a partnership for the management of the multifunctional platform of the Nuraghe project, which was created for the treatment of contaminated soil and can be used for different types of waste produced in Sardinia that now have to be transferred to the mainland.

Porto Torres site

