

FSRU TOSCANA ARRIVED IN ITALY

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Towed by two tugs, “FRSU Toscana” has arrived in Italy, in the waters of Tuscany Region in front of the coast between Livorno and Pisa. The Terminal sailed away from Malta on Friday July 26, where it made a scheduled stop necessary to finalized some mechanical activities in preparation of installation and testing. The Terminal, once operative, will have a regasification capacity of 3.75 billion cubic meters a year, about 4% of the national demand.

The next steps

The operative procedures will be the following: the Terminal will be first anchored to the seabed through the 6 anchors already installed. It will then connect to the subsea pipeline to transport the regasified gas, completed by Snam Rete Gas. It will follow a phase of testing with LNG onboard the Terminal. It’s estimated that testing activities will be completed in about three months. Once the installation phase is completed, the arrival of the first LNG carrier will ensue which is scheduled for the end of August. The starting of commercial activity is therefore planned for the last quarter of 2013.

Info for the start of the open procedure for the conferment of the regasification capacity

As of April 1st, information on the regasification terminal’s operation will be available to the public on the website’s section titled “Commercial Area”, detailing public procedures related to offering of regasification capacity to stakeholders on a transparent and non-discriminatory basis and such to ensure freedom of access on equal terms in accordance with Resolution 272/2013. These procedures will enable reservation of regasification capacity on a monthly basis for the next thermal year (or part of it) and on an annual or multiyear for the next thermal years.

Statements

“We are certainly excited about the arrival of FSRU Toscana in Livorno” – said the OLT CEO Peter Carolan (E.ON) – “Moreover, an ongoing monitoring of the performances of our Terminal will be carried out by the competent institutions”. Even Valter Pallano, OLT CEO (Iren), did not fail to emphasize his satisfaction after years of work: “This project has particular importance in the evolution of the national strategy on imports of gas both from the point of view of growth and diversification of existing infrastructures and for the development of opportunities for access to new emerging markets of Liquefied Natural Gas”.