

Adriatic LNG: the 400th LNG carrier arrives at the terminal

- Almost six years after starting operations, the Adriatic LNG regasification terminal registers the arrival of the 400th LNG carrier, the Lusail, from Ras Laffan, Qatar.
- With more than 33 billion cubic meters of gas regasified and delivered to the national grid, the terminal gives its contribution to Italy's energy security and diversification of supply.
- Adriatic LNG is a critical component of the Italian and European energy infrastructure. Located in the Veneto territory Adriatic LNG has invested more than 250 million Euros in contracts with about 60 local companies and more than one-third of its 125 employees come from the region.

Porto Viro, September 2015 – Adriatic LNG, the company that operates the regasification terminal located 15 kilometers off the Veneto coastline, announces **the arrival of the 400th LNG carrier, the Lusail**. The carrier, which left Ras Laffan Port in Qatar, arrived at the offshore terminal after 11 days of navigation.

Delivering a cargo of about 145,000 cubic meters of liquefied natural gas (LNG) equivalent to nearly 90 million cubic meters of gas which is the annual average consumption of a city like Rovigo. The Lusail is one of the 28 different LNG carriers that has delivered LNG to the Adriatic LNG terminal since it became operational.

Since the beginning of operation, in October 2009, the Adriatic LNG terminal opened up a new phase in the national energy supply system, enabling Italy to import LNG from Qatar, Egypt, Trinidad and Tobago, Equatorial Guinea and Norway. More than 33 billion of cubic meters of gas have been delivered to the National grid in almost 6 years of activity. The Adriatic LNG terminal is confirming **its strategic role in the national energy scenario**, increasing LNG import capacity and diversification of gas sources and making the Country's energy supply more secure.

Elizabeth Westcott, Adriatic LNG's Managing Director, commented: *“Crossing the line of the 400th LNG carrier proves once again the efficiency and reliability of our regasification terminal. The use of technology that combines innovation and environmental protection, the adoption of a structured maintenance program, a true safety culture which is deeply rooted in the entire organization and a strong sense of responsibility for local communities are the elements that underpin the success of this infrastructure and the way we operate as a company.”*

Corrado Papa, Adriatic LNG's Commercial Manager, added: *“In a market that is strongly dependent on foreign supplies via pipeline, our regasification terminal provides an essential contribution in terms of security of the Country's energy supply. Moreover, our commercial services of flexibility and temporary storage allow customers to be more and more competitive and at the same time offer additional resources for gas balancing and security of supply to the Italian system.”*



Adriatic LNG is a critical component of the Italian and European energy infrastructure and at the same time is a company deeply rooted in Veneto territory. Adriatic LNG has invested more than 250 million Euros in contracts with about 60 local companies and attaches great value to the employment of local resources: of the 125 employees – working in Milan's offices, in the Shore Base in Porto Viro and on the offshore terminal – more than one-third (43) come from Veneto, mainly from Rovigo and Venice.

Operating since autumn 2009, the Adriatic LNG regasification terminal assures to Italy more than 10% of national gas consumptions. A strategic infrastructure for the Country for its contribution to the diversification of energy supply, Adriatic LNG at present has contributed to satisfy national natural gas consumptions by delivering to the national pipeline network more than 33 billion of cubic meters of gas coming by ship from 5 Countries (Qatar, Egypt, Trinidad and Tobago, Equatorial Guinea and Norway). Adriatic LNG is co-controlled by EMIGAS (a subsidiary of ExxonMobil) and QTL (a subsidiary of Qatar Petroleum). Adriatic LNG's employs 125 people. Employees coming from Veneto are 43 while 60 are Veneto's companies that have been involved as contractors since the beginning of the project. Adriatic LNG has always been committed to the economic development of Polesine territory with several and significant sponsorships and supporting various projects and initiatives of the local communities. Since 2009, Adriatic LNG has been contributing to promote innovation and safety culture in the territory, dedicating particular attention to the environment (more than 100 control campaigns have been carried out in the sea by Ispra and certified by Arpav), with the aim of involving more and more the local community in the awareness of its activities.

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