

Ports: Merlo, electrification of docks with leopard spots – Icon News

[January 3, 2022](#)

in [Business](#)

0



ROME, 03 JAN – “The electrification of the docks today represents the only realistic and concrete response with respect to the environmental and port energy issue”: for this “the competent Ministries have allocated the necessary resources”, but there is a risk of “very heavy delays” , with “a patchy scenario, characterized in some cases by the absence of projects, or projects already outdated”. Luigi Merlo, President of Federlogistica, writes it in a note. “Almost all cruise ships, a growing share of ferries and many cargo ships – says Merlo – in the port could already be connected to the electrical network of the docks, as they are already in place. But clear answers and indications are needed, which only a single national direction even among the competent ministries is able to unlock today: that is, a structure is needed in the head of the MIMS capable of preparing adequate projects, guaranteeing the timing of tenders and, through a structural relationship with

energy suppliers, ensuring adequate supplies to the energy needs for each port “. According to Merlo, “equally rapid answers must be provided in terms of the costs of these energy supplies, which are now too high for ships, and incomparable compared to the lower costs of traditional fuel”. (HANDLE).