



## **Galsi and the University of Cagliari join forces to promote science and technology**

**Agreement signed between Pasquale Mistretta, Roberto Potì and Mohamed Yousfi**

**CAGLIARI, 18 JULY 2008** – Galsi and the University of Cagliari have announced a joint agreement to promote science and technology education and training in connection with the new import pipeline from Algeria to Sardinia, currently at the planning stage. The agreement was signed this morning in the Aula Magna of the engineering faculty by University Chancellor Pasquale Mistretta, the chairman of Galsi Roberto Potì and CEO Mohamed Yousfi.

The accord foresees a series of educational initiatives aimed at researchers and students primarily in the departments of mechanical and electronic engineering but does not exclude collaboration with other engineering departments and faculties.

With a view to advancing scientific research in pipeline engineering, Galsi will work with the engineering faculty and teaching staff to identify and finance new research projects relating to the pipeline project. Two areas of study have already been identified. The first concerns research into pipe resistance and ways to mitigate and protect against the harmful effects of atmospheric agents and environmental phenomena. The second area focuses on pipeline maintenance and control systems. Other areas still to be explored will address the engineering of the offshore sections between Algeria and Sardinia which represent Galsi's biggest technological challenge. Here the pipeline will be laid on the floor of the Mediterranean at depths of up to 2885 m, and will become the world's deepest undersea pipeline.

Initiatives aimed at university students might include fellowships for engineering degrees, courses and specialist seminars, and new research doctorates on specific topics proposed by Galsi. More generally trainee apprenticeships and career guidance for students are also foreseen.

The next few months will be devoted to exploring and assessing the various opportunities with a view to launching the first initiatives as early as next year.

The agreement demonstrates Galsi's commitment to ensure that the arrival of the pipeline in Sardinia is not only a milestone for the island's economic development, but equally an opportunity to stimulate knowledge transfer and education which are key to the region's progress.

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